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THE

SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

A. D. 1894.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church in the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 16th day of October, A. D. 1894, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. James Gardner, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, on Psalm 42 : 2 : "My soul thirsteth for God."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries :

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
James Gardner, D. D.	Thomas R. Blackburn,
Alfonso R. Olney, D. D.	James Rodgers.
Albert H. Trick.	James T. Sweetman, M. D.
Charles E. Dunn (2).	Alexander Scott.
Leslie R. Groves.	William Bullock.
Walter A. Hitchcock.	George Lasher.
James N. Crocker, D. D.	

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Samuel Dunham.	Henry A. Seymour.
Junius J. Cowles.	Aaron P. Storrs.
A. Cameron Mackenzie, D. D.	Charles W. Loomis (3).
Josiah Still.	Henry F. Benton.
Benjamin B. Knapp.	Hon. Perrin H. McGraw.

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Charles S. Dewing.	James Frame (2).
Peter M. Macdonald, D. D.	John Gilchrist (2).
Martin D. Kneeland, D. D. (2).	Ebenezer M. McPherson (2).
Thomas Atkinson (2).	Neil McInnes.
James A. F. McBain, D. D.	
James M. Craig (2).	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Donald McLaren, D. D.	James Mitchell.
Robert D. Sproull, D. D.	Ira Goddard.
John A. Billingsley (3).	Linneus C. Hill.
Augustus B. Prichard.	John A. Nexsen (2).
David Junor.	William L. Hope.
Joseph G. Snyder (2).	Verranus Morse, M. D.

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

T. Ralston Smith, D. D.	Sidney E. Adams (2).
Henry Ward.	Hon. Joseph H. Plumb.
William S. Hubbell, D. D.	Horace Briggs.
John McMaster.	Francis A. Board.
Albert B. Robinson (2).	Chauncey G. Talcott.
Edward M. Sharp.	Alfred L. Jamison.
George S. Swezey.	
Nelson B. Chester.	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Asa S. Fiske, D. D. (2).	Richard H. Bloom (2).
Edward Snyder.	William H. Van Sickle.
John P. MacPhie (2).	H. Legare Romig.
Henry R. Fancher.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Joseph Gamble.	Samuel B. McKee.
Joshua J. Wolf.	
Norman McLeod.	

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Charles C. Carr.	Charles C. Ormiston.
John Cairns.	Irving M. Hopkins.
Henry T. Scholl (2).	Herbert M. Daggett.
Augustus Frederick (2).	John M. Burt (2).

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

George C. Yeisley, D. D.	George H. Chase.
Christopher G. Hazard.	
William S. Long.	

XI. PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Hiram W. Congdon.	Edwin A. Miller.
James A. Anderson.	Hon. James H. Loomis.
	Newbury L. Walker.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

William H. Webb, D. D.	William A. Warne.
William H. Bates.	Solomon E. Smith.
J. Wilford Jacks.	D. Eddy Barnes.
Ebenezer B. McGhee.	

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Slator C. Hepburn.	J. Harvey Hanford.
Amasa S. Freeman, D. D.	Peter E. Miller.
John S. Gilmor.	Edward F. Pierson.
Joseph Greenleaf.	Edward B. Palen.
Thomas B. Thomas.	Edwin T. Hanford.
Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph. D.	

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Richard S. Campbell, D. D.	William H. Youngs.
James M. Denton.	Joseph H. Randall.
Egbert C. Lawrence, Ph. D.	

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Reuel A. Ward.	Frank H. Closs (2).
Samuel C. Garlick.	
Alexander D. McIntosh.	

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Philip A. Schwarz (2).	Lewis L. Fosdick (2).
Charles G. Matteson.	Oscar J. Seaman.
Jonathan Greenleaf.	
Charles O. Gray.	

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

John C. Lowrie, D. D.	John Sloane.
Samuel D. Alexander, D.D. (2).	Benjamin M. Amerman.
John Hall, D. D.	Charles M. Jesup.
Robert Russell Booth, D. D.	Stephen S. Clark.
Charles A. Stoddard, D. D.	George H. Hyde.
George W. F. Birch, D. D.	George P. Ludlum.
Charles P. Mallery.	Charles C. Savage.
George Alexander, D. D.	William I. Walker (2).
James Chambers, D. D.	J. Crosby Brown.
David G. Wylie, Ph. D.	Titus B. Meigs.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Edward Huntting Rudd.	David J. Wells.
Frederick C. Suits.	James P. MacKenzie (2).
Seth Cook.	

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Jeremiah Searle.	John Dales.
William K. Hall, D. D.	Theodore Isham.
Thomas C. Straus.	Backus Hoag.
J. Scott King.	Joseph N. Badeau.
Charles L. Carhart.	John Mitchell (2).

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
John L. Jones.	Novatus M. Blish.
Leonard E. Richards.	Adam Scott.
James H. Robinson.	Daniel McMullin.
Milton C. Hambly.	Thomas Ballantyne.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Newton J. Conklin.	Benjamin F. Bowen.
Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D.	Charles J. McKenzie (3).
James S. Root.	George W. Comstock.
Alfred K. Bates (2).	Herbert S. Wilbur.
John A. Sherrard (3).	Henry W. Gardner (2).
George V. Reichel (2).	William B. Levet.
Thomas E. Sherman.	Hugh T. McNair.
	William A. Brodie.

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.	David K. Storie.
James Robertson.	George R. Bell.
William F. Skinner.	Alexander Turnbull.

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

George M. Janes.	George Benjamin.
Evan R. Evans, Ph. D.	Amasa B. White.
James R. Robinson.	
James A. Miller, Ph. D.	

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

Isaac Swift.	Benjamin S. Stone.
John E. Beecher.	Isaac H. Peckham.
Frank W. West.	William J. Mason.
Angus H. Cameron.	Henry J. Howe.
John C. Ball.	Douglas N. Green.
Philip N. Moore.	

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Hector Hall.	Horace B. Silliman, LL. D. (2).
Charles B. Atwood.	Mallory D. Schoonmaker.
Charles H. Van Wie.	Walter P. Schermerhorn.
William H. Sybrandt.	William L. Hitchcock.
Charles E. MacGinness, Ph. D.	Thomas Collins.
Allen McD. Paterson.	William H. Sherman (2).
James Cromie (2).	

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Dwight Scovel.	H. Dwight Williams.
Samuel Jessup, D. D.	James Stark.
Oliver A. Kingsbury.	Charles B. Cowles.
J. Westby Earnshaw.	William McCluskey.
George K. Fraser.	Duane D. Foote.
W. Courtland Robinson.	
J. Frederick Fitschen, Jr. (3).	

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Thornton M. Niven, Jr., D. D.	Edward Wells.
Oliver S. Dean, D. D.	Ralph E. Prime.
Richard P. H. Vail, D. D. (2).	Sanford R. Knapp.
Henry A. Davenport.	Henry M. Lester.
William B. Waller.	Clarence L. Reid.
John H. Eastman.	William H. Parsons.
Charles E. Allison.	Alexander O. Kirkwood.
David Laughlin, D. D.	Henry White.

XXXI. PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN PERSIA.

The Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., of the Presbytery of Columbia, was elected Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. Joseph Gamble, of the Presbytery of Champlain, and the Rev. David G. Wylie, Ph. D., of the Presbytery of New York, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements, through its Chairman, the Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., reported the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the daily sessions be from half-past nine o'clock A. M., until half-past twelve, and from half-past two P. M., until five.

2. That the devotional services on Wednesday morning be conducted by the Rev. Joseph Greenleaf, and on Friday morning, by the Rev. Donald McLaren, D. D.

3. That on Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, a popular meeting be held in the interests of Missions—The Rev. John Hall, D. D., to preside, the Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., to speak in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., in behalf of the Board of Home Missions.

4. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be observed on Thursday morning at half-past nine; that the Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., and the Rev. William S. Hubbell, D. D., conduct the service; that the Elders of the First Church officiate in the distribution of the elements, assisted by Elders Titus B. Meigs, Hon. Perrin H. McGraw, Hon. Ebenezer M. McPherson, Henry J. Howe, H. Dwight Williams and William A. Brodie; and that the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions be invited to unite in the observance.

5. That the Synod accept, with thanks, an invitation from the Presbyterian Union of New York City, to attend a Reception in the Concert Hall of the Madison Square Garden, on Thursday evening at a quarter-past eight o'clock.

6. That at the convenience of the Synod, the Rev. Edward P. Cowan, D. D., be heard in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

7. That the Synod hear a report from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, to be presented by a delegation from that body, and read by the Stated Clerk.

8. That on Thursday morning, as the first order of the day, the Rev. William H. Hubbard be heard on behalf of the "Assembly Herald."

The Rev. HOWARD DUFFIELD, D.D., welcomed with a hearty greeting the members of the Synod, in behalf of the First Church and the Presbytery of New York.

Adjourned until Wednesday, at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled, (marked 2), were reported as being present.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—James Gardner, John Hall, Josiah E. Kittredge, Christopher G. Hazard, James A. Anderson, William H. Bates, Thornton M. Niven, Amasa S. Freeman.

Elders—James H. Loomis, George R. Bell, Joseph H. Plumb, Solomon E. Smith, Henry F. Benton, Verranus Morse, Stephen S. Clark.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Hiram W. Congdon, Alfonso R. Olney, A. Cameron Mackenzie, George Alexander, James H. Robinson, Newton J. Conklin, Charles A. Stoddard, Isaac Swift.

Elders—Ralph E. Prime, Thomas R. Blackburn, Perrin H. McGraw, Hugh T. McNair, Horace Briggs, Alexander Turnbull, James Stark.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—William S. Hubbell, James M. Denton, William S. Long.

Elders—William H. Van Sickle, James T. Sweetman.

4. Finance:

Elders—Sanford R. Knapp, Edwin A. Miller, D. Eddy Barnes, Charles M. Jesup, John Dales.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Thomas C. Straus, Charles H. Van Wie, Angus H. Cameron.

Elders—Novatus M. Blish, Herbert S. Wilbur.

6. Nominations of Visitors to Colleges, etc.:

Ministers—Henry Ward, George W. F. Birch, W. Courtland Robinson, Ebenezer B. McGhee, Joseph Greenleaf.

Elders—Edward Wells, John Sloane, George H. Chase, Mallory D. Schoonmaker.

7. NOMINATION OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

Ministers—E. Hunting Rudd, J. Westby Earnshaw, Augustus B. Prichard, Hector Hall, Slator C. Hepburn.

Elders—James Rodgers, Chauncey G. Talcott, Edward F. Pierson, Oscar J. Seaman.

8. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD, ETC.:

Ministers—William K. Hall, Charles C. Carr, William H. Webb, Alexander D. McIntosh, Charles G. Matteson.

Elders—Amasa B. White, Benjamin S. Stone, Thomas Collins, Duane D. Foote.

9. TO COLLATE THE REPORTS ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

Ministers—Donald McLaren, Samuel Jessup, James S. Root.

Elders—William A. Warne, Charles C. Savage.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—John L. Jones, Evan R. Evans; *Elder*—Benjamin S. Stone.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—George M. Janes, Philip N. Moore; *Elder*—Thomas Collins.

3. BOSTON: *Ministers*—Charles E. MacGinness, George K. Fraser; *Elder*—William H. Parsons.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—Samuel Dunham, Milton C. Hambly; *Elder*—Henry White.

5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—Dwight Scovel, William B. Waller; *Elder*—Henry M. Lester.

6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—John H. Eastman, George V. Reichel; *Elder*—Douglas N. Green.

7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—James R. Robinson, Frank W. West; *Elder*—William H. Parsons.

8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—John H. Eastman, Allen McD. Paterson; *Elder*—William McCluskey.

9. CHILE: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Edward M. Sharp; *Elder*—Peter E. Miller.

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—Oliver A. Kingsbury, David Laughlin; *Elder*—Alexander O. Kirkwood.

11. Eastern Persia: [No Records].

12. Genesee: *Ministers*—Charles B. Atwood, William F. Skinner; *Elder*—Charles B. Cowles.

13. Geneva: *Ministers*—John E. Beecher, Samuel C. Garlick; *Elder*—Richard H. Bloom.

14. Hudson: *Ministers*—William H. Sybrandt, James A. Miller; *Elder*—Isaac H. Peckham.

15. Long Island: *Ministers*—Henry A. Davenport, J. Scott King; *Elder*—Adam Scott.

16. Lyons: *Ministers*—Leslie R. Groves, Seth Cook; *Elder*—Backus Hoag.

17. Nassau: *Ministers*—Thomas C. Straus, Thomas E. Sherman; *Elder*—George Benjamin.

18. New York: *Ministers*—Henry T. Scholl, James Robertson; *Elder*—Ralph E. Prime.

19. Niagara: *Ministers*—Jonathan Greenleaf, Reuel A. Ward; *Elder*—John M. Burt.

20. North Laos: *Ministers*—Asa S. Fiske, Thomas B. Thomas; *Elder*—Peter E. Miller.

21. North River: *Ministers*—James A. F. McBain, James M. Craig; *Elder*—Ira Goddard.

22. Otsego: *Ministers*—Albert H. Trick, Josiah Still; *Elder*—Neil McInnes.

23. Rochester: *Ministers*—Peter M. Macdonald, David Junor; *Elder*—Alfred L. Jamison.

24. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—Robert D. Sproull, Nelson B. Chester; *Elder*—H. Legare Romig.

25. Siam: [No Records.]

26. Steuben: *Ministers*—Henry R. Fancher, Joshua J. Wolf; *Elder*—Charles C. Ormiston.

27. Syracuse: *Ministers*—John Cairns, James N. Crocker; *Elder*—Edward F. Pierson.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—John McMaster, Edward Snyder; *Elder*—Francis A. Board.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—George S. Swezey, Norman McLeod; *Elder*—Herbert M. Daggett.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Egbert C. Lawrence, Charles L. Carhart; *Elder*—Theodore Isham.

31. WESTERN PERSIA: [No Records.]

The Rev. Messrs. Peter Straith, of the Synod of Hamilton and London, Ontario; Frank J. Mundy, of the Synod of Washington; and Joseph K. Wight, of the Synod of Atlantic, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

That the hearing of the Rev. Alexander McLean, D.D., in behalf of the American Bible Society, be the order of the day for three o'clock; and that the Rev. W. Wallace Atterbury, D.D., be heard in connection with the report on the Observance of the Lord's Day.

Overtures, Memorials, Appeals and Complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Printed copies of the Docket of Business, and of the Minutes of the last stated meeting were distributed.

The Committee on the Establishment of a Training School for the children of Indians in New York State presented the following report, which was accepted:

The question of an Industrial School for the Indians of New York State is again proposed to the Synod, as a matter involving serious difficulties. The report last year rehearsed the facts without proposing definite action. The founding of an institution to be maintained for at least ten years, implied such expense and responsibility as required a careful counting of the cost. It is hoped that a year's reflection may have prepared the Synod for some advance to-day in regard to this project.

The principal features of the case can be stated in a few words: Reservation-schools for the education of Indian children were organized by an act of the Legislature in 1856. We find, in 1870, 26 Indian schools, with 39 teachers, of whom 17 were Indians, and about 1,000 pupils. At present there are 29 such schools, with 29 teachers, and 1,467 children of school age. Out of this number, 890 were pupils during some portion of last year. The average daily attendance, however, during the 35 weeks of tuition, was only 356; hence but one-fourth of the whole n umber attended school for the year, and this fourth was composed largely of different

pupils from week to week. About forty per cent. of the whole, or 577 children, were not reached at all by the Public Schools. These figures are more discouraging than those of last year. The average daily attendance is less by 22, and the total who have entered school houses is less by 63. Evidently, matters are not mending themselves.

It is noteworthy that the State has expended on these 29 schools for the past year $8,575, or $1,000 less than for the year before. On the Tuscarora Reservation two new and attractive school-houses have been finished and occupied during the year. The improvement has been marked in attendance and enthusiasm. But this gain is more than offset by losses elsewhere. The average daily attendance at each of these 29 schools is about twelve, and the wages of their teachers are usually but $8 per week. One of the Superintendents says: "I have employed as good teachers as I could get; but no experienced teacher cares to teach on the Reservations, as the wages are less there than elsewhere, and the difficulty of obtaining board and lodging is great. Attendance in all the schools is irregular, and progress therefore is slow." The same lack of furniture, appointments and even fuel, described in the last report, is conspicuous still. The large majority of pupils leave school at the age of fourteen. Their education, such as it is, does not qualify them for the battle of life. Few are fitted to enter industrial pursuits as carried on by whites. Even their labor is of a low market value.

Another Superintendent says: "What is the remedy for this slow progress? Plainly, in establishing an industrial school, where boys and girls who have made suitable progress in the common branches may be instructed in the useful arts; where the boys may learn to be good mechanics and farmers, and where the girls may qualify themselves to be domestic servants, dressmakers, or teachers among their own people. The Indians would hail with delight such an opportunity offered their children."

The last report described how certain Government Schools had been opened to the New York Indians, and more than 100 youths had been placed at Carlisle and Hampton in 1892. The withdrawal of this privilege, and the reason avowed for this mistaken policy, were also announced, and what had been done by us to meet the emergency was likewise explained. The year has passed without any change of policy by the Secretary of the Interior toward the New York Indians. They are still excluded from Government Schools. Those who had begun study at Carlisle or Hampton before the present Administration came in, have not been expelled; but all effort to send new pupils from this State at Government expense has been in vain. In addition to this misfortune the small appropriation by our Legislature for educating Indian youth at our Normal Schools is now exhausted. That gateway to a higher training for such as hoped to become teachers is now closed to these struggling and discouraged students. A year ago a scheme was started to secure a fine property belonging to the State, of 500 acres adjoining the Cattaraugus Reservation, for an Industrial School. But political complications arose and the farm was diverted to other uses.

In the last report objections were stated to any partnership with politicians in planning for appropriations or privileges of this kind from the State. Such difficulties are now intensified by the new Constitution, under which, if adopted, it will be still harder to secure land or endowment from the State for such a school as

we desire. We repeat, therefore, that the time has come when some adequate provision should be made by us for the industrial education of these hampered and helpless youth, 1,500 of whom are growing up untaught in matters essential to earning a livelihood for themselves. In our judgment, the Synod is under peculiar obligations to rescue these children. We should wait for no other body of philanthropists in this matter. The Onondaga Tribe, with 100 youth of school age, is under the supervision of the Episcopal and Methodist Churches. The St. Regis Indians, successors of the ancient Mohawks, include 325 children of school age, and are chiefly Roman Catholics. The Shinnecocks, on Long Island, have but 79 school children. But the remaining 1,000 pupils on the Cattaraugus, Allegany, Tonawanda and Tuscarora Reservations of Western New York are most of them under Presbyterian care. We have inherited the Mission to the Senecas with its precious history and memories. We have defended these people from aspersions on their character, and from the spoliation of their lands. We have had Ministers and Elders many from these red brethren, and one of them, the present Secretary of the Seneca Nation, is a delegate now sitting with us in the Synod as an Elder honored and beloved. Who have a right or duty prior to ours for the service proposed? These Indians at present regard us as their natural defenders and helpers. They confide in us more than in any other body of Christians, and they have reason so to do. They wait for us to lead. Most of them long to see their children well educated.

Another reason for prompt action deserves mention. It was stated a year ago that under certain conditions a legacy had been placed at our disposal by the executor, Dr. Egbert, of St. Paul, Minn. This bequest, amounting to at least $10,000, has been held for a year, awaiting the action of the Synod. If we decide to do nothing at present, this sum will be diverted at once to Indian work in the Northwest. If we agree to raise an equal amount, and to maintain our Industrial School for ten years, we secure this foundation, with perhaps a residuary sum besides.

As to the location of such an institution, we have a fair prospect of securing, free of expense, sufficient land for our purpose in the vicinity of these Reservations. Regarding the probable expense, we can speak only in general terms. If a suitable site were given, and the legacy already mentioned were secured by a subscription of $10,000, funds would thus at once be available for a beginning on a small scale.

An industrial school at Tunesassa, near the Allegany Reservation, has been for some years supported by the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Philadelphia. The attendance is limited to 45, and the annual cost of maintenance is $3,200, in addition to the income from their farm of 450 acres. The Thomas Orphan Asylum, whose inception in 1854 was due to Asher Wright, and whose act of incorporation was accompanied by a grant of $2,000 from the State, was, alas! transferred to State control in 1875. Its capacity is limited to 100 children, who must be under the age of 16 years. The State pays $100 each for the annual support and education of these pupils, in addition to the income derived from a choice farm of 100 acres on the Cattaraugus Creek.

Judging by these precedents, our school might begin, say, with twenty carefully chosen pupils, at an estimated cost of $125.00 each for the year. A farm-school and a modest machine-shop, where one or more trades could be taught,

would be sufficient for the start. The cost of such a plant would not be excessive. If our scheme awakens enthusiasm, ample resources could readily be secured. Our way to obtain money for this purpose is to show something tangible already begun. We have a score of young Senecas and Tuscaroras at Hampton and Carlisle, whose training there for several years is preparing them for subordinate instructors and exemplars, such as we shall need. A superintendent may possibly be secured from one of these model schools.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the Synod declare itself in favor of establishing, under its own control, an Industrial School for the Indian youth within its borders.

2. That nine trustees from various parts of the Synod be designated, to whom shall be entrusted the affairs of this school when established, and who shall present a yearly report to this body.

3. That a Committee of five Ministers and Elders be appointed to push this enterprise to completion, in the hope that it may be ready to receive pupils within a year from this date.

4. That this Committee be authorized, in furtherance of the object, to issue a statement and to solicit funds through the religious press, and in such other ways as may be thought judicious.

5. That the Committee be authorized to employ a secretary to take charge of correspondence and of other duties incidental to the vigorous pushing of this scheme; and that his compensation, not to exceed $100 per annum, be paid by the treasurer of the Board of Trustees out of the general funds received for this object.

6. That every church of the Synod be requested to make one offering yearly for this school until it becomes self-supporting.

The recommendations were adopted.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred as follows:

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. A Minute from the Presbytery of Boston, in reference to the Church at Newport, R. I.

2. An Overture from the Presbytery of Long Island, in reference to the Excise Law.

3. A Communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society.

4. An Overture from the Presbytery of Lyons, asking a change in the name of the Synodical Aid Fund.

To the Committee on Judicial Business:

An Appeal of Rev. William Steele from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted:

We record our appreciation of the work of the last Chairman of the Committee, the Rev. Lansing Van Schoonhoven, whose energy and zeal, during five years, deserve the recognition and thanks of the Synod.

The task confided to this Committee, of completing the roll of the Elders of the Synod, has been accomplished.

We cordially endorse the "Assembly Herald," and urge our Ministers and Churches to see that it goes regularly into the hands of all Presbyterians within our bounds. With a wider circulation of this paper, an intelligent interest in the work of the Church will largely be increased ; and we can then look for a corresponding increase in support.

We also call attention to the plan of apportionment recommended by the General Assembly's Committee, according to which every Presbytery is called upon to give to the Boards, annually, an amount equal to three per cent. of the value of its Church property. It appears that New York is far behind other Synods in its gifts, in proportion to the value of its property.

The average given per week by each member of the Church to the Boards is $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents. In New York Synod it is about four cents, a little more than half, as compared with the Presbytery of Pittsburgh; a little less than half as compared with that of Chicago. To reach the amount proposed in the apportionment scheme, we should have to increase our contributions one-half, and that would call for the average sum of six cents a week from each member of the Church in the Synod. If we want to equal Chicago we shall have to double our contributions, and then add an eighth. The financial depression of the past year has, of course, affected the gifts to the Boards, although to a less extent than might have been expected. When we compare these with the gifts of 1893, there is no cause for discouragement. But as they are compared with the reports of the past six or seven years, some facts are brought to light that seem to your Committee startling.

From a careful study of the Statistics, it appears :

1. While the Synod has gained 21,439 communicants in the seven years since 1888, the contributions to the Boards have fallen off $103,144. In the past year we have gained 4,081 members, and lost $34,416 in contributions to the Boards. With the exception of two years in the seven, there has been a decided decrease each year from the gifts of the year preceding.

2. In the same years, congregational expenses have increased $432,452, and miscellaneous gifts $155,020. In the past year congregational expenses have decreased $15,744, and miscellaneous gifts have increased $113,984.

3. As compared with other large Synods—Ohio, New Jersey and Pennsylvania—New York does not show a proportionate growth in benevolence. From 1888 to 1893 Ohio decreased about $10,000 ; Pennsylvania decreased about $6,000, and New Jersey increased about $43,000. In the same time New York decreased about $64,000.

4. In the actual receipts of the Boards from the Synod, with the exception of 1891, there has been a steady falling off for five years. The loss from last year was $44,271.

5. The difference in the past year between the gifts to objects represented by the Boards, and gifts directly to the Boards themselves, is $334,983.

6. Excepting in 1893–94, there has been since 1889 a steady decrease in the amount received by the Synod from the Boards. From Home Missions, Church Erection and the Relief Fund, the Synod has received $4,009 more this year than last.

7. In the average amount given by each member to benevolence there has been a falling off in the past six years of 68 cents per member; and in the last year of 47 cents. In actual contributions to the Boards since 1889 there has been a falling off of 49 cents a member, and in the past year a loss of 37 cents per member; or, comparing 1892-93, a prosperous year, with 1889, a loss of 21 cents per member to benevolent objects at large, and a loss of 12 cents per member in gifts to the Boards.

8. There has been a steady increase in the number of contributions to the Boards. In 1890 there were 2,544 blanks out of 7,389 possible collections; in 1893, 2,354 out of 7,551; and in 1894, 2,043 out of 7,623.

It seems to your Committee that a signal effort ought to be made to stir up the churches to greater liberality. It is not the amount contributed, in itself, that creates anxiety, but the fact that there is a falling off in the proportion of gifts in the Synod within the period of seven years. Instead of our getting a stronger grip on the principle of Systematic Beneficence, the grip seems to have relaxed. While there are some encouraging signs, we cannot escape the conclusion that the claims of this subject have not taken hold upon the minds and consciences of our people. We offer three practical suggestions, in the hope that they may help to solve the problem.

First, that the Synod make a special effort to reduce the amount it draws from the Boards of the Church. Last year it drew from the Board of Home Missions alone $36,269. We ought to support our own weak Churches, and not take a cent from the Board for our Synodical work. Every contribution to Home Missions should go where the Presbyteries are weaker and the need is greater. The Presbytery of Buffalo is an example in this respect. Not only does it provide for its own weak Churches, but it is making the attempt to assume the care of the Indian Missions upon the Reservations within its bounds, calling on its Churches for additional contributions to the extent of several thousand dollars.

Secondly, we call attention again to the discrepancy between the amounts reported in the Church statistics and the actual receipts of the Boards. The principle is to be insisted upon that the Boards are the proper channels through which Church benevolence should flow. Last year only about one-half the gifts credited to the benevolence of the Churches went through the Boards. In seven years this proportion has not varied very much. At Lockport, in 1890, the Committee, in calling attention to this fact, termed it "disloyalty to the Boards." The expression was not pleasing to the ear of the Synod, and the obnoxious words were erased. We do not call it disloyalty of the Boards. We do not call it anything. We simply give the facts and ask others to draw the conclusion. The Boards are the recognized agencies of the Church. Yet, counting the gifts under the head of "Miscellaneous," they have dispensed only about one-third of the money given to Benevolence in this Synod. In the meantime, their work is suffering. They have either to contract their operations, or plunge into debt for want of the money which is going out from our churches in other directions.

Thirdly, the supervision of the Churches by the Presbyteries should be made much closer. The way to increase contributions is to see that every Church makes an offering to every Board. If all the blanks in the Synod's report of the past year had been filled at an average of only $25, we should have added $50,000 to our gifts; and many of the Churches against which these blanks are set are easily able to give twenty times twenty-five dollars. Perhaps ministers are not doing their duty in instructing their people and urging offerings to the Boards. If this be so, we ought to know it. If the people are losing confidence in the Boards, and prefer to give through other channels, we ought to know it. If they are indifferent, we ought to know it. Whatever be the cause of the failure of the Churches to contribute to the Boards, that cause should be ascertained and understood, in order that a remedy may be applied. Our desire is have the Beneficence Committees of the Presbyteries inquire particularly into the reasons, and bring strong pressure to bear upon the Churches that are delinquent.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the Synod endorse the principle of apportionment, and urge the Churches to give to the Boards of the Church a sum equal to not less than one cent a day from each member.

2. That the Synod impress upon its Presbyteries the necessity of a greater loyalty to the Boards, and discourage the giving to outside benevolent objects when such giving is at the expense of the Boards.

3. That the Synod instruct each Presbytery to keep a roll of its Churches which have failed to contribute to any Board, and to inquire into the reasons of such failure.

4. That the Presbyteries be urged to make a special effort during the current year to secure a contribution from every Church to every Board.

The recommendations were adopted.

A Delegation from the Women's Board of Foreign Missions appeared, and was cordially welcomed. It presented the following report, which was read by the Stated Clerk, and was accepted:

The Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church desires to present a brief summary of its work during the past year, to the Synod of New York, feeling grateful for the courtesy that has made this possible, as in the growing work the help is needed of every Minister and Elder in its bounds.

At the 24th Annual Meeting, held in Binghamton last April, the Treasurer's Report showed receipts of $64,454, a gain of two thousand dollars over last year. There are sixty-nine Missionaries in the employ of the Board, at work in Africa, Brazil, Chile, China, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Persia, Siam and Syria, besides twenty-seven specially appointed Bible-readers. Forty Schools and Orphanages are supported, also four Hospitals and five Dispensaries. During the year just closed, eleven new buildings have been put up, including two churches and eight houses for native helpers. Land has been purchased; two new stations have been opened, one in China and one in Japan; money has been contributed to help in opening others; tracts have been printed for the use of workers; and the running

expenses of the African Missionary Schooner, the "Nassau," have been met. There are two young women under the care of the Board in this country who will soon finish their preparation and be ready to begin work as Medical Missionaries.

Nearly all the Presbyteries connected with the Board report an increase of interest, which is shown by an enlargement in the number of Societies and Bands, or an increase of gifts. New ways of interesting the people in the work are being sought and found.

Despite the growing number of religious periodicals and papers, the two magazines, "Woman's Work for Woman" and "Over Sea and Land," have held their own. The former has a circulation of 20,000. "Over Sea and Land," the children's magazine, is published this year for the first time by the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Boards, jointly, and has a subscription list of about 22,000. "Never has there been a year when leaflets more worthy of perusal have been added to the store."

The Library in the rooms of the Board, at 53 Fifth Avenue, has been found very useful, by the Auxiliaries and Societies in and near New York. Under certain conditions books can be mailed to those at a distance who find it difficult to get missionary literature ; and it is the aim of the Committee having it in charge to keep it supplied with the best new books in this line. Our Missionary Maps are also in constant demand, and we lend them all through the State.

Boxes of things useful to the Missionaries in the Schools and Village Work, have been sent from thirty-three of our Auxiliaries and Bands to the Mission Stations, and over 9,000 letters from Missionaries were sent in our own territory to aid in increasing interest in the Missionary Meetings. For these letters there is an increasing demand. Eighty Societies receive monthly letters from the countries assigned as the topic for the month.

This year special effort is to be made to interest the Christian Endeavor Societies in Foreign Work. Two Missionaries, providentially detained in this country, are now giving their time to the work of addressing Missionary Meetings, and it is hoped, by this and every means, to bring the pressing needs of our work before the people.

Gentlemen of the Synod, such is the brief story of our position after nearly twenty-five years of work. As we look back, it is with a feeling of awe that we see what God has wrought ; and as we look forward into the widening paths ahead of us, we realize the increasing responsibilities that are put upon us, and know that not only must *we* be up and doing with fresh courage, but that the influence and sympathy of every Minister and Elder must be given us if we would begin to keep up with the work.

Will you not each go back to your Churches to say with deeper earnestness that God has given to women a work for Him in foreign lands, which only women *can* do, and to urge every woman and child to be sure to do a full share ; since faithful work done *with* God is surely blessed ?

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

This college is under the immediate control of the Synod through the appointment of its Trustees and Examiners. The Synod is therefore directly responsible for its conduct, and peculiarly interested in its prosperity. Your Examiners, having in view the duty of the Synod and the welfare of the college, have made three visits during the year, and have examined into the management of the institution, into the quality and quantity of its instruction, and into the religious training of its students, and have conferred with the trustees and faculty concerning its interests.

With respect to the management of the college, we find that, as the oldest for the higher education of women, with thirty-nine years of successful history, its rules and methods are the results of matured experience. The intercourse of teachers and scholars is personal, and the social fellowship of the college is one of its most delightful features, preserving as much as is possible the home-life. Careful attention is given to those womanly courtesies and refinements which render one an ornament to society. The administration of President Rufus S. Green, D. D., has been eminently satisfactory, and his well-known qualities as an educator and executive have made themselves felt in all departments.

The dropping of the preparatory department has proved a benefit. The need, however, was felt of a separate preparatory school of high grade, to fit young ladies for college; and such a school, with its own faculty, has successfully been established in Elmira.

In respect to the instruction given in the college, we find that it offers classical, scientific and literary courses equal in every respect to those of other colleges for women or men, and also affords superior facilities for the study of music and art. In order that we might be assured of this high standing, we have carefully compared the requirements for entrance to Elmira with those demanded by Smith, Vassar and Wellesley. It appears that in Latin, the requirements are essentially the same; in Greek, also, they are substantially the same; and all accept two years of French or German in the place of Greek. In mathematics, the requirements are essentially alike. In English the requirement is the same as that of Wellesley, except that Elmira demands English history, while both Smith and Vassar make no mention of English grammar and rhetoric; and Smith none of either United States or English history. In science, Elmira requires one year of elementary study in two branches of science, which neither of the others demands; so that Elmira is found to require even a higher standard of preparation than either of these other colleges. The hours of study required per week are fifteen, except that in the scientific course sixteen are required in the freshman year. Physical culture is taught according to the most approved methods, and the health of each student receives personal attention.

The standing of the present freshman class is said to be unusually high. The professional teachers on your committee affirm that, for thorough instruction, that which they found in these class-rooms they have not seen excelled.

With regard to the religious instruction given in the College, we make special mention of the four years' course required in Biblical literature with the President, which is marked as part of the regular work for a degree. The graduates of the College must come forth with a thorough knowledge of the Bible, in its origin, history, teachings and evidences, and be able both to defend it against attack, and to instruct others in its truth.

The College already has a few scholarships, which afford free tuition to worthy and qualified applicants, but the applications are more than the fund is able to supply.

The Synod may feel assured that the College is doing scholarly work of the highest collegiate order; that its home life is most conducive to the refinements and graces of womanhood; and that it places proper emphasis upon Christian character as the highest result of culture. In view of these facts we recommend:

1. That the recommendation of last year be repeated, namely, that full or partial scholarships in the College be endowed by each Presbytery.

2. That the efforts of the College to raise funds for its current expenses and proper endowment be commended to all our churches and their members.

The recommendations were adopted.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to deal with the question of temperance within the bounds of the Synod, on the same line as that pursued by the Committee of the General Assembly, and to co-operate with such organizations as are laboring to reduce the evils of intemperance.

The Committee was appointed as follows: *Ministers*—John Hall, George Alexander, T. Ralston Smith, Howard Duffield, John Fox; *Elders*—William R. Worrall, Edward Wells, George H. Hyde, Darwin R. James.

The Synodical Superintendent, Rev. James N. Crocker, D.D., presented his report and addressed the Synod.

The report was accepted, and is as follows:

Report is herewith given of work for the year ending October 1, 1894.

Visits to congregations	115	Church organization aided in	1
Sermons	178	Ruling Elder ordained	1
Baptisms	22	Aided in Installation	1
Lord's Supper administered	14	Presided at Congregational Meetings	12
Received on Examination	21	Presided on other occasions	many
" by Letter	2	Miles traveled	20,174
Letters and Cards written	2,850	Expenses—including balance from 1893.	$544.99
Funeral attended	1	Received	$432.40

The printing done included 800 postal card circulars to the churches, 800 to Young People's Societies, 500 reports of work, 2,250 circulars, and one edition of the "Fellowship," 5,000 copies. The expense of printing, postage and distribution was paid by advertisements in the "Fellowship," except a balance of $7.50.

It is not easy to give, by figures, an exact account of a work so manifold. It has consisted of preaching, pastoral visitation, conferences with Sessions, trustees and congregations; aiding in Sabbath schools and prayer meetings; introducing candidates for pulpits; reporting to and addressing Presbyteries; acting as a bureau of information between churches and ministers; supplying the strong churches, and so securing an opportunity to commend Synodical Aid; holding services in the weak vacant churches; visiting their sick and aged; with much other useful work.

The Permanent Committee, the Presbyteries and their committees, pastors, elders, congregations, Young People's Societies and the Board of Home Missions have aided the Superintendent in his work most kindly and efficiently. The encouragements are far more than the discouragements. The one thing lacking is that the churches do not raise the whole amount which the Synod asks for the work.

With thanks to God for His abundant grace,

JAMES N. CROCKER,
Superintendent.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported Judicial Case No. 1, an Appeal of the Rev. William Steele from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston.

The Committee recommends that the said appeal be dismissed, for the reason that the papers submitted disclose no judicial action from which alone an appeal could be taken, but show that the action appealed from was merely the exercise of the administrative and discretionary powers of the Presbytery.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Alexander McLean, D.D., Secretary of the American Bible Society, addressed the Synod.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod express its cordial sympathy with the great work of the American Bible Society; and an earnest wish that it may be increasingly sustained by the co-operation of the churches and the blessing of God.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider the relation, under the State Laws, of the Trustees in our congregations to the Church Sessions, and whether the present trustee system of the State of New York is the best that can be devised for the Presbyterian churches; and that the Committee report at the next meeting of the Synod.

The Committee was constituted as follows: *Elders*—George H. Hyde, Edward Wells; *Ministers*—T. Ralston Smith, James N. Crocker, James Chambers.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Aid presented the following report, which was accepted:

Your Committee began its annual work by wide and careful correspondence, in which the needs of the field and the part each Presbytery ought to take in the work were definitely and strongly urged. In addition to these efforts, conference was held, as far as was considered necessary, with different parts of the field. We believe that all desirable information was circulated, and enough urgency used, to lead the officers and members of our Churches to lay this home work well to heart, and to arouse them to give to it, as it deserves, their very first and best endeavors. Our excellent and faithful Superintendent, besides his especial work, gave important co-operation, not only by his personal visits in the Presbyteries, but by scattering throughout the Churches timely and comprehensive information and appeals on printed cards and leaflets.

The result of these varied efforts is encouraging, especially when we take account of the financial depression in all parts of the country, and the uncertainty everywhere prevailing. Of the 801 Churches in our State, 451 have contributed directly to the Synodical Aid Fund, an increase in number over last year. Thirty-six Christian Endeavor Societies and sixteen Sabbath Schools also sent contributions. The following table shows the numbers of contributing and non-contributing Churches in each Presbytery, with the amounts given to the Synodical Aid Fund and the appropriations received, for the year ending October, 1894 :

Presbyteries.	Churches Contributing.	Not Contributing.	Contributions.	Appropriations.
Albany	39	11	$1,756.84	$1,900.00
Binghamton	28	9	384.34	1,508.33
Boston	.....	.....	35.16	....
Brooklyn	15	18	367.23	1,000 00
Buffalo	7	38	363.42	2,950.09
Cayuga	17	6	318.04	975.00
Champlain	12	10	119.65	1,729 co
Chemung	13	10	284.49	700.00
Columbia	15	4	324.17	950.00
Genesee	15	6	219.62	525.00
Geneva	12	11	498.33	225.00
Hudson	34	9	503.89	1,225.00
Long Island	4	39	50.86	25.00
Lyons	9	9	88.32	712.50
Nassau	18	8	381.41	845.83
New York	25	32	1,015.79	4,555.50
Niagara	13	8	141.33	36.12
North River	19	11	224.90	512.50
Otsego	18	9	315.98	1,067.91
Rochester	26	27	391.00	1,196.47
St. Lawrence	23	8	407.24	991.67
Steuben	14	9	164.12	1,554.16
Syracuse	23	21	419.99	1,549.41
Troy	24	18	629.40	1,575 co
Utica	26	18	540.99	1,c32.50
Westchester	26	13	664.07	330.00
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	395.80	.....
Woman's Ex. Com. of H. M.	.....	.....	71.12	.....
Syn. Superintendent	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
Publishing Reports Ch. at H. and A.	.....	.....	.....	22.02
Traveling Ex. of S. Com. and Printing	.....	.....	....	59.26
Total	.....	.....	$11,077 50	$31,753.27

The report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted. The receipts of the year were nearly $1,000 more than last year, and the expenses less by $1,913.83.

It needs to be stated that the Presbyteries of Long Island and Buffalo have undertaken the supply of their own needy churches, with the understanding that any surplus shall go into the Synodical Aid treasury. The Presbytery of Long Island gave all it raised under this scheme, $181.18, to its Mission churches. The Presbytery of Buffalo paid to nine feeble churches outside of its city limits, $1,673. And its city churches paid for City Evangelization $17,723, making, in addition to the tabulated statement, $19,396.

Let us also remember that this Synod gave, according to the last Assembly Minutes, to Home Missions, $318,174, and to Sustentation or Synodical Aid, $15,375; a total of $333,549. Ought we not, then, to be astonished that any of the 800 and more home churches of the Synod should halt and stumble at the proposal to raise $32,000 for the feeble congregations struggling for existence near their own doors?

The object before us is simply to do first the mission work nearest by; and for complete success we need to have more love and enthusiasm. Each Pastor, Session and Church should move with joyful alacrity in carrying out the Synod's plan. With unanimous and hearty action the best results are assured. This is the first Christian service that confronts us. It was said in one of the early reports: "As we obey the command of the Master to go into all the world, this is first in the order of progress, first as the base of supplies for every succeeding step, and first in our affections, as we remember the old home altars and think over the old memories of early training. This work, faithfully done, will strengthen the Church for grand achievements; neglected, it will weaken every effort."

When we remember the apathy which existed not very long ago over the whole field concerning the destitution in our State; as we see to-day the interest aroused and the generous efforts made to compass the work, and as we behold Churches re-opened and new fields occupied, with gracious results in revivals and multiplied conversions, we cannot fail to bless the Lord and take courage.

It is recommended:

1. That thirty-two thousand dollars be apportioned among the Presbyteries for this object in the same manner as last year.

2. That the Rev. James N. Crocker, D.D., be continued as the Synodical Superintendent for the State of New York, and that his salary be the same as last year; and that the Treasurer of the Synodical Aid Fund be instructed to arrange for its payment.

3. That the Synod earnestly urge its Presbyteries, Ministers and Elders to call the special attention of the churches to the importance of this work, and to give an opportunity to all the people in our congregations to contribute to its support.

4. That each Presbytery be urgently requested to make a special effort to raise the quota assigned to it for the Synodical Aid Fund.

5. That in order to have the work of Synodical Aid within its bounds fully represented, the Synod request those Presbyteries which have determined to support their own weak churches and mission fields, to report to the Synod's Committee the sums contributed for that purpose, and to turn over to the Synod's Fund any

surplus of contributions; and that the Presbyteries which have City Evangelization schemes, also be requested briefly to report their work and the amount of their disbursements.

6. That the Committee be authorized to fill, until the close of the Synodical year, any vacancies that may occur in its number.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Treasurer of the Synodical Aid Fund was directed to defray the necessary operating expenses, for the ensuing year, of the Committee on Synodical Aid, to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report which was accepted:

This venerable institution, founded in 1820, the second in age in our Church, seems to have fallen upon happy days, to be entering upon a new era, a period of greater efficiency and wider usefulness than it has heretofore attained.

Those old, gray walls of stone, which represented so much in the past, have yielded to more modern structures, which, for beauty and convenience, can scarcely be excelled. Two new buildings have been completed during the past year: the Willard Memorial Chapel, whose fine proportions, elegant appointments, and superior finish are peculiarly pleasing; and the Welch Memorial Building, a triumph of architectural skill; light, airy, capacious, admirably fitted for recitation rooms and for the general use of professors and students. It stands a useful and imperishable monument to the memory of the unselfish and beloved professor whose name it bears.

But, while admiring these material improvements, we do not forget the valuable additions recently made to the corps of instructors in this institution. Strong before, it is still stronger now. The recently inaugurated President, Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., is not only a keen and wise instructor, but a thorough business man. Already has he come into close sympathy with the students, not only, but he has earnestly grasped the entire range of Seminary affairs. Prof. Theodore W. Hopkins, just installed as Professor of Church History, with an innate enthusiasm and a high idea of Christian scholarship, is developing a great interest in that department of instruction.

In the main, the examinations of the classes were satisfactory; the questions were well propounded, and the answers were clear and concise; in some departments, especially Ecclesiastical History and Christian Theology, positively inspiring. There was much stress laid upon the sufficiency and supreme authority of God's truth, alike in the Old Testament and the New.

Thirty students were graduated. Ninety-four appeared upon the last catalogue. A marked increase is noticeable this year, 105 students in all being enrolled, the highest mark the institution has ever reached. Fifty-four new students have entered the seminary this term.

Most cordially we commend this institution to the Churches as pre-eminently worthy of their continued confidence and esteem.

The Rev. Rufus S. Green, D.D., President of Elmira College, addressed the Synod by its invitation.

Adjourned until Thursday, at half past nine o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 8 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting in behalf of Missions was held, and addresses were made by the Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D.D., on Foreign Missions; the Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., on Home Missions; and the Rev. John Hall, D.D., who presided.

THURSDAY, October 18, 9.30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in accordance with the arrangement.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 3), were reported as being present.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following papers, and its recommendations were severally adopted:

1. A communication from the Presbytery of Boston, requesting the Synod to commend the Church at Newport, R. I., to the Churches under its care and to persons of means.

It is recommended that the request be granted.

2. An overture from the Presbytery of Long Island, requesting the Synod to urge upon the State Legislature, at its next session, certain amendments to the Excise Laws.

It is recommended that no action be taken, but that the paper be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

3. An overture from the Presbytery of Lyons, asking that the name "Synodical Aid" be changed to "Synodical Home Missions."

It is recommended that the overture be answered in the negative.

4. A communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society, asking the co-operation of the Synod with the Society "in its laudable purpose to collect and preserve the materials for the history of our Church in this country, documents in

print or in manuscript which are rapidly perishing but may now be rescued or preserved."

The following action is recommended :

The Synod of New York heartily approves the object, aims and work of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and rejoices in its success. It recommends the Ministers, Elders and people of the Synod to further the ends of the Society, by placing in its care all such documents, manuscript or printed, as illustrate the doctrine, polity, usages and history of the Presbyterian Church, documents many of them valuable but perishable. Also, that in our Presbyteries care be taken by Committees appointed for the purpose, or through fitting organizations, to co-operate with the Society in preserving materials for elucidating and recording the progress of the Church in this country.

It is further recommended that the Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D.D., be appointed the historian of the Synod, to co-operate with the Historical Society in carrying on its work.

The Pastoral Letter was presented, adopted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Rev. William H. Hubbard addressed the Synod in behalf of the "Assembly Herald."

It was

Resolved, That the Synod of New York most cordially welcomes the "Assembly Herald," with its news of the Mission Work of the Church, and learns with satisfaction the prospect of success in introducing it into all the Presbyterian households of the land. The Synod earnestly recommends the Sessions of the Churches within its bounds to take such measures as will secure its entrance into every family in any way connected with our congregations.

The Permanent Committee on Missions to the Freedmen presented its report, which was accepted, and the Rev. Edward P. Cowan, D.D., the Secretary of the Assembly's Board, addressed the Synod. The report is as follows :

Your Committee, entering upon its duties last Fall, was appalled at the evidences of apathy in the Synod towards this great work of the Church. The Assembly Minutes showed that, while the Boards of Church Erection, Ministerial Relief, and Education had held their own during the three trying years just passed, our Freedmen's Board had been cut down steadily in its support, year by year, to a serious extent. The last Assembly Minutes reported only $20,000 contributed to this object by all the Churches in New York and New England. This was, indeed, alarming, and needed prompt and decided attention.

Your Committee, therefore, secured the services of the great colored orator, Booker T. Washington, to address the Missionary Congress at Rochester. His address aroused the greatest interest in that Convention, and can but bear fruit in enlarged donations.

It is recommended:

1. That local gatherings of Pastors in our cities be convened, to arouse interest this winter in the Freedmen's work.

2. That the women of our Churches be invited to form auxiliaries to aid our Missions.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee to nominate Trustees of the Synod, etc., presented its report, which was accepted, and the following persons were duly elected:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D.D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., William Allen Butler, Esq., James Bayles, for the term of three years.

Trustees of Elmira College: John I. Nicks, J. Sloat Fassett, Rev. Wilson Phraner, D.D., Seymour Dexter, Mrs. Howard Elmer, Louis G. Rathbun, for the term of three years; and Rev. John Hall, D.D., for two years, in place of Rev. George C. Curtis, D.D., deceased.

Examiners of Elmira College: Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Prof. Philip M. Hull for the term or three years.

A recess was taken until half past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18, 2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The report of the last Missionary Congress was presented and accepted, and is as follows:

The wisdom of choosing the city of Rochester for the Second Missionary Congress was demonstrated, because the almost universal church-going interest, pledging magnificent audiences and encouraging a strong missionary spirit, assured success from the outset. Several hundred delegates came from all parts of the State, and the hospitality of the Brick Church was fully equal to the demands made upon it. Without the hearty co-operation, however, of the Pastor, Rev. William R. Taylor, D.D., and his efficient assistant, Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, the Congress could not have been all that it proved to be; and your Committee cordially acknowledges the aid rendered by the officers of the Brick and all the other Presbyterian Churches of the city. We have been glad to learn that the Church and city derived great good from the gathering.

Pursuant to the recommendation of last year, only four of the Boards were represented: Home Missions, Freedmen, Publication, and Church Erection, besides Synodical Aid. To present the claims, scope and work of these departments of Church benevolence, the best speakers were secured. Home Missions and Missions to Freedmen had especial emphasis, and these objects cannot fail to receive great financial benefit.

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that your Committee has received strong words of approval and appreciation from the Secretaries of the Boards represented. They see in these gatherings real spiritual awakenings for the people, information imparted, missionary enthusiasm reaching white heat. Our honored Home Mission Secretary, Dr. William C. Roberts, writes: "The Congress was certainly successful in all respects. We think so in the Board—and hope that other Synods will imitate the example of the Synod of New York." Dr. Erskine N. White expresses the same earnest approval. President B. T. Washington writes from one of the strategic points of education among the Freedmen, that the printed proceedings of the Congress are proving an especial help to him and his cause in the South. As a final evidence of appreciation, the last General Assembly adopted the following:

Resolved: 1. That this General Assembly heartily approve of the plan of the Synod of New York for holding an Annual Missionary Congress for spreading information and kindling enthusiasm in the great objects whose interests are discussed in these gatherings, especially among the wide-awake business men and Church members generally; and we commend them most cordially to all who can avail themselves of such opportunities.

2. That in view of the unanimous testimony of those who attended last year's Congress to its deep interest and marked success, and in view also of the testimony of the officers of our Boards to the great value of such popular gatherings, we should be glad to see similar movements inaugurated in all the Synods of our Church.

Who can measure the good to be derived, if all the strong, compact Synods should adopt this plan? The only real difficulty is the question of expense; but it requires money to carry forward any great movement successfully. Hereafter, little or no help from our Boards will need to be given in this Synod; for the proceedings of the Congress will not be printed.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That a third Missionary Congress be held during the current year, the time, place, and other necessary arrangements to be left to the Committee of Arrangements.

2. That the Congress be devoted to the interests of the Boards not represented last year: Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Education and Aid for Colleges, and also Systematic Beneficence.

3. That Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock be appointed Chairman of the Committee on Education, in place of Rev. L. Mason Clarke, resigned, and that the headquarters of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be transferred from Buffalo to Albany.

4. That the Synod instruct its Committee to correspond with the Stated Clerks of other Synods, with a view to the holding, in the Eastern Synods at least, of similar Missionary Congresses.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Permanent Committee on the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies presented the following report which was accepted :

This youngest Board of the Church claims our hearty loyalty, and justly deserves it. Never did an eleven-year-old institution show more sound wisdom, business ability and true grasp of the situation. Its occupation of strategic points in the West for sound, practical, Christian education ; its retention by timely financial aid, wisely administered, of valuable property ; its demand for heroic treatment of choice, consecrated young men, are but a small part of the data its report furnishes to make up the substance of Christian educational movements in the far West.

The Board sustains the unique and enviable position of closing the year free of debt. Yet, but twenty-two hundred Churches contributed to it during the past year. Four thousand two hundred and ninety-five gave nothing. The finances were so administered that $30,000 was given in a way that brought a return from others of $83,500. Each dollar given by the Board secured the payment of $2.78 of indebtedness. Ten institutions were released from debt. Two others are assured freedom from debt, and two are on the way. Figures do not express what this means. The institutions aided are yearly raising the grade of scholarship, and thus attracting the attendance of a better and higher type of students.

Two hundred and twenty-one students were converted during the last year, and about one-half of the students are professing Christians. Two hundred and twenty-three have given themselves to the ministry, or over six per cent. of the whole number. Two thousand nine hundred and fourteen, or seventy-eight per cent., systematically study the Bible in the regular curriculum, an increase of nine per cent. during the year. The young men who attend the colleges are as a rule poor, and work their own way, and for this reason make a sturdier, nobler type of educated men.

This Synod stands fourth in contributions to the Board, having given $45,302. One year ago it stood fifth. Let the coming year show even a greater increase in gifts. There were 309 Churches in the Synod which gave nothing the last year to this object. Will every Pastor see to it that the Committee on Aid for Colleges, in his own Presbytery, becomes more active in the Board's behalf during the coming year ?

It was ordered that hereafter the Pastoral Letter be dispensed with until special occasion may demand it.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report which was accepted :

Your Committee has applied itself, the past year, to the pursuit of one object exclusively, namely, to awaken greater interest in Foreign Missions throughout the Presbyteries, and thereby increase the contributions of this Synod to the Foreign Board.

The recent commercial stringency makes it impossible to judge with accuracy of the results of our effort ; but if increased interest on the part of many Presbyteries and the addition of several Churches to the list of annual contributors, may

be taken as a basis of judgment, we are justified in believing that our labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

In accordance with a plan reported at the last session and cordially endorsed, your Committee secured a conference, February 13th, of the Foreign Mission Committees of the Presbyteries, at the Mission Rooms in this city. Funds from private sources enabled it to defray the expenses of the delegates whom we had the satisfaction of welcoming from twenty-two of the twenty-six home Presbyteries of the Synod—a remarkable representation. The conference was one of exceptional interest and power. Papers were read by acknowledged experts upon such subjects as these: "The office and duties of Foreign Mission Committees;" "The Monthly Concert;" "How can our Foreign Mission Literature be more effectively used?" "Systematic visitation of Churches by returned missionaries;" "Foreign Missions in the Sunday School;" "How can greater interest be developed among our young people?" Informal discussions upon like practical themes were held, personal experiences interchanged, suggestions as to methods of organization offered, and at the end, as a result of the deliberations, recommendations formulated and addressed to the Presbyteries and Churches. It was generally agreed—and the delegation included some of the first ecclesiastical leaders of the State—that for enthusiasm and earnestness, for valuable suggestion and practical helpfulness, above all for genuine spiritual power, this conference had never been surpassed, if indeed it had been equalled, in the history of the missionary activities of the Synod.

Your Committee has also endeavored to keep itself in communication and practical sympathy with Presbyterial Committees. Each member has had two Presbyteries under his immediate supervision, and has been faithful in the discharge of his duties. Offers of co-operation and personal assistance have been made to all the Presbyteries; and wherever the offer has been accepted, the promises of the Committee have been met with conscientious fidelity.

The greatest difficulty we have had to contend against—and it is coming to be a serious obstacle—is the indifference, the positive lethargy, of some of the Presbyterial Committees. The majority are interested, active, devoted to the cause and faithful to their duties; but a few—it is a satisfaction to note that the number has annually been decreasing—are reprehensibly derelict. Nothing will move these brethren. They cannot be induced to respond to any approach or appeal of the Committee. Its letters are ignored, its telegrams unnoticed, its most importunate entreaties utterly unheeded. If these Committees are interested in Foreign Missions, it is beyond our power of discovery; and we have long since reached the conclusion that while these men remain at the head of the interests of Foreign Missions in their Presbyteries, the cause in those quarters will continue to decline with accelerated momentum. Such brethren ought not to be permitted to obstruct the work of our Board; and we appeal to the Presbyteries for relief and remedy, urging them not to be satisfied with a formal, general report from their Committees once a year, but to insist upon the tangible exhibition on their part of Foreign Missionary interest and activity; and in cases where such insistance is not respected, to reorganize these Committees, putting at their head those men only who are conspicuous for their enthusiasm for the coming of our Lord's Kingdom upon the earth.

Undoubtedly, a third conference could be made a greater success than either of its predecessors, and would yield most telling results. But, because there are some Presbyteries which we have not been able to reach in this way, and others which have been only faintly impressed, it is our intention to arrange for a series of conferences with some of the Committees on their own fields, the plan being to hold, at some central point in a Presbytery, a Missionary Mass Meeting which shall be addressed by at least one member of our Committee, and at its close to confer with the Presbytery's Committee as to the condition of the cause within its jurisdiction and the means and methods best calculated to advance its development. In this way we hope not only to arouse the people, but to bestir the Committees to greater zeal and enterprise. This will entail a large expenditure of time and labor, and we therefore ask our brethren throughout the Synod to give us their prayerful and cordial co-operation and sympathy.

We recommend :

1. That vacancies in the Committee occasioned by the resignation of Rev. Messrs. Henry N. Davenport and Alfred H. Moment, D.D., and Messrs. Cleveland H. Dodge, and Frank R. Chambers, be filled by the appointment of Rev. Messrs. Newell Woolsey Wells and John E. Adams, and Elders Henry M. Lester and William Dulles, Jr.

2. That the proposed visitation of the Presbyteries by the members of the Committee be endorsed by the Synod, and commended to the prayers and sympathetic interest of its Churches and pastors.

3. That the Presbyteries be directed to exercise greater care in the selection of their standing Committees on Foreign Missions ; and in cases where this cause is languishing at the hands of existing Committees, to proceed to their reorganization.

4. That Presbyterial Committees be urged to recognize the functions of the Synod's Committee ; to make prompt response to its communications, and to co-operate with it in its work.

5. That every Church within the Synod be appealed to for at least one contribution during the current year for the work of Foreign Missions.

6. That the great cause of the world's evangelization again be laid with tender but positive emphasis upon the consciences and hearts of all our people, and they be affectionately exhorted to unite with us in fervent prayer and benevolent, consecrated effort for its advancement.

The recommendations were adopted.

The following Committee was appointed to push to its completion the establishment of an Indian Training School, with authority to designate the Trustees and to give public notice of its action :

Ministers—William S. Hubbell, Asa S. Fiske, Samuel T. Clarke.
Elders—Joseph H. Plumb, Horace B. Silliman.

The Permanent Committee on Church Erection presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Board of Church Erection, with the amount of money at its command, reaches a larger territory, and performs more permanent service for the denomination, than any of our other beneficent agencies. During fifty years it has aided more than 5,000 struggling churches to build edifices which, without such aid, could not, in the majority of instances, have been erected. Many of these are paying back a large increase to the denomination and the cause of Christ. Were the revenues of the Board greater, Presbyterianism would make still larger progress. We are organizing new congregations at the rate of two every three days in the year. The time is not distant when for every day a new Presbyterian Church will be enrolled.

The Board has three departments under one management:

1. Its General Fund, from which grants are made to feeble Churches, not exceeding one third the value of their property. The average amount is $500. All contributions not otherwise designated are placed to the credit of this fund, and are distributed to what seem the most needy and deserving applicants. Last year 178 churches were aided to the extent of over $87,000. The applications came from 24 Synods, 95 Presbyteries and 32 States and Territories.

2. The Loan Fund. This consists for the most part of moneys received from the estate of Mrs. Robert L. Stuart, and is for permanent use. Although inaugurated but three years ago, its business-like methods have commended themselves to the Churches. It makes loans at a low rate of interest to the Churches, which return the loans in specified annual installments. Last year sixteen loans were made, aggregating about $59,000.

3. The Manse Fund dates back only to the year 1885. Without this fund, many Churches in destitute fields must die. Small loans are made for the building of Manses, on condition that they ordinarily be returned in three years without interest. Last year there were forty such loans, aggregating over $15,000.

Another feature of the work deserves especial mention. The Board furnishes Architectural Designs of Churches, simple, tasteful and unambitious in character. They are appropriate for the small buildings needed in most of our villages, and are an education in architecture, while in many instances they ensure a saving of expense.

The entire appropriations for the last year were $165,000, and the receipts from all sources $172,000. This would be a most hopeful report, were it not that the receipts are only about one-half compared with the year before, and still less, compared with several previous years. Of this sum, $53,635 came from less than one-half of the Churches, 3,899 contributing nothing. Interest on permanent funds, repayments, legacies, etc., supplied over two-thirds of the money expended. This condition should not continue.

Our Synod still holds the first place in contributions to this Board, although the Synod of Pennsylvania, on account of legacies, was at the head of the list, in 1893. Yet we are in danger of losing our pre-eminence, on account of a decrease during the last six months, of one-fourth from last year, while the decrease in the gifts of

the entire Church is but thirteen per cent. The loss during the year now closing, compared with the year before, is over $3,600. Let our Churches see to it that this loss is more than made up by October 1, 1895. Our Synod should contribute at least $18,000 annually to the Board, on the Scriptural principle that the "strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

During these months of decreased collections, the first five of the fiscal year, the Board has received 71 applications for grants, 7 for loans, and 23 for manses, in all 101 applications, for $69,014. If these five months are a prophecy of the next seven, serious embarrassment must result to many Churches which have delayed a year or more, on account of the financial stringency, before applying to the Board for help. They are now waiting anxiously, and, if turned away, some will be seriously discouraged, if not forced to disband.

It is recommended:

1. That this Synod heartily approve of the broad work and efficient management of the Board of Church Erection.

2. That it be commended to all our Churches, as worthy of generous contributions, in which the 200 Churches which gave nothing last year are urged to join.

3. That the Churches of this Synod seek to raise at least $18,000 to meet the pressing and increasing demands of this Board.

4. That special contributions toward local and presbyterial work be sent, as far as practicable, through the treasury of this Board.

5. That the gifts of Christian women and of the children of our Sabbath Schools to the work of this Board, be heartily commended, and that they be urged to increase their offerings.

6. That the Synod call the attention of the Churches to the needy fields within its own bounds, especially to the important pioneer work in New England, and commend it to the prayers and liberality of God's people.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee appointed to collate the reports of the Examining Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the Records of the following Presbyteries be approved as far as written: Binghamton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Champlain, Chemung, Chile, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, Niagara, North Laos, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

2. That the Records of the Presbytery of New York be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. That in a practical consolidation of the Church of the Covenant with the Brick Church, (1.) A co-ordinate Pastor was practically called, and Elders and Deacons were elected at a meeting not presided over by a clergyman; (2.) Members were received into the Brick Church by the congregation instead of by the Session; (3.) Elders and Deacons were transferred without re-installation. The

action of the Presbytery is exceptional, and should not be considered as a precedent for future action.

2. On pp. 381, 382, and in other places, the ordination of Ministers *sine titulo* without reason given for the act.

3. On p. 418, and in other places, Ministers, licentiates and candidates are transferred by the Clerk to other Presbyteries. The Stated Clerk has no authority to dismiss Ministers.

4. It appears that the relations between the Pastor and the Lenox Church were dissolved at the request of the Pastor, with no record of the hearing of the people or of citation to the Church.

The Treasurer's Report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented a report, which was accepted, and the Rev. W. Wallace Atterbury, D.D., Secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee, addressed the Synod by invitation.

The Report is as follows:

In the last report, the Committee called attention to the valuable and successful work done in connection with the Columbian Exposition, at Chicago. Since then, the proceedings of the "International Rest Congress" have been published, and the addresses therein contained constitute a volume worthy of wide-spread circulation and the careful study of all friends of the maintenance of the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship.

During the past year, the good work has gone steadily, if quietly, forward, and we are encouraged by the efforts made in different centres by the civil authorities to close the saloons and other places of business. We note with gratification, that in several places barber shops and drug stores have been voluntarily closed by the proprietors. There are instances of professing Christians abandoning the Sunday reading of newspapers.

We are persuaded, that before the Lord's Day is lifted to its rightful place, before it bears more abundant fruit in benefactions to mankind, more attention must be given to the wise use of Saturday evening. Though the methods or restrictions of our Christian forefathers may possibly be open to criticism, their ideas in regard to the function of Saturday evening were correct. It was the time of preparation for the observance of the Lord's Day. But now, by some of our social customs and business habits, it is a hinderance. Some of us are so inconsiderate and irreligious in the use of the closing hours of the week, that we are incapacitated for the religious privileges of the first day. We destroy our appetite for spiritual things. Late transactions in business and indulgence in social pleasures produce distaste for public worship and the preaching of the Gospel. Diminish the hours of labor and trade on Saturday, abstain from social pleasures or amusements which involve late hours and exhaustion, regulate our affairs, as far as possible, so that we can spend the closing hours of the week "in humble,

grateful prayer," and we shall be prepared to enter with buoyancy and relish upon the Christ-like observance of the Lord's Day.

Your Committee recommends :

1. That all our families and business men be encouraged to do their utmost towards making Saturday evening a preparation for the Christian observance of the Lord's Day, instead of a barrier against it.

2. That our ruling Elders be requested to lift up their voices and exert a positive influence towards making the Sabbath a day not only of rest and public worship, but also of doing good, after the example of our Divine Master.

3. That our Presbyteries be requested to hold, whenever practicable, popular meetings in the interest of the Christ-like observance of the Christian Sabbath.

4. That we commend the work of the New York Sabbath Committee and the various other Sabbath Associations throughout the State in behalf of the Lord's Day, and recommend to Pastors and Congregations the examination of the new volume, containing the proceedings of the "International Congress of Sunday Rest," entitled "*The Sunday Problem ;* its present-day aspects, physiological, industrial, social, political, religious."

The recommendations were adopted.

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted :

The work of the Committee during the past year had to do chiefly with the Missionary Congress, the success of which fully justified all its efforts. We are convinced, however, that something more is needed than an annual gathering of representatives from different parts of the Synod, important as this is. The problem still is, how to reach the sources of influence in each congregation ? There can be no great advance until pastors and elders are made to realize the responsibility and privilege of missionary effort.

While we affirm the importance of a Synodical Congress, yet, in order that it may be made more efficient, special attention should be given to Presbyterial action and oversight. The Presbytery reaches each Church, and is the natural and authorized agency for conserving, within its own territory, the interests of the Church at large. Whenever concerted action is desirable or necessary, the responsibility falls upon the Presbytery. If, therefore, we are to reach the sources of influence in particular churches, awakening or increasing missionary interest, it must be done through the Presbytery.

Our Presbyterial machinery is constructed upon this principle. We have a Committee on Home Missions in each Presbytery. But the machinery needs oiling, to say the least. In many Presbyteries it has not been used for years; and it is not difficult to account for this. A regular meeting of a Presbytery is found to be inopportune for any new or aggressive work. Its chief end is the completion of the regular and necessary routine business in the shortest possible time.

In view of these facts, of the urgent needs of the Board of Home Missions, and of the increasing responsibilty of our Church to preach the Gospel in America, it is recommended :

1. That simultaneous meetings be held in all our Presbyteries, December 4, 1894, the Tuesday following our National Thanksgiving Day, to be devoted exclusively to the consideration of Home Missions, with a view to arousing each church to a clearer conception of its responsibility.

2. That these meetings be called by the Moderator in each Presbytery, by official notice to each Church, and that the Presbyterial Committee on Home Missions be charged with the conduct of the meeting as far as the programme of the services is concerned.

3. That a copy of these recommendations be transmitted within one week after the adjournment of the Synod to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee to nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented a report which was accepted; and the persons nominated were duly appointed. (See Appendix.)

The Committee to nominate Visitors to Colleges and other institutions of learning reported, recommending the following appointments; and the recommendation was adopted:

ADAMS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE: *Ministers*—Robert L. Bachman, Charles D. Barrows, William F. Skinner, Asher B. Temple, Alfred H. Fahnestock; *Elders*—A. Gardner Benedict, D. Kennedy Storie, Walter C. Stone.

AUBURN SEMINARY: *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, William W. Weller, John Reid, C. Cuthbert Hall, Martin D. Kneeland; *Elders*—Titus B. Meigs, Thompson C. Maxwell, John H. Osborne.

HAMILTON COLLEGE: *Ministers*—Frank F. Ellinwood, Charles S. Richardson, James H. Robinson, Martin D. Kneeland, William H. Bates; *Elders*—Mallory D. Schoonmaker, Joseph H. Plumb, Daniel C. Farr.

UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK: *Ministers*—John R. Davies, Amasa S. Freeman, Samuel D. Alexander, George W. F. Birch, James C. Nightingale; *Elders*—Moses W. Dodd, Daniel J. Holden, John Stewart.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee on Finance reports that the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod have been examined, and compared with the accompanying vouchers, and are found to be correct. All the Presbyteries have paid their apportionments for the past year.

The amount in the treasury, applicable to the payment of outstanding claims, and the expenses of the current year, is $1,558.61.

Adjourned until Friday, at half past nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18, 8:15 o'clock P. M.

A Social Reception, with Addresses and a Collation, was given to the Synod by the Presbyterian Union of New York, in Concert Hall, Madison Square Garden.

FRIDAY, October 19, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. James Gardner, D.D.

The roll was called.

The minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

The following communication was received :

The United Presbyterian Synod of New York, now in session at Albany, New York, sends greeting, and asks that the blessing of the Lord may be with you in all your deliberations. By order of the Synod,

ARNEY S. BIDDLE, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk was directed to return a suitable response.

The Rev. William A. P. Martin, LL.D., of the Synod of China, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

The Committee on the Place of the Next Meeting presented the following report :

The Synod is invited to meet next year in the First Church of Binghamton, and the Committee recommends that the invitation be accepted, with thanks.

The report was adopted, and it was ordered that the next Annual Meeting of the Synod be held in the First Church, Binghamton.

The Pastor and Elders of the Church were appointed the Committee of Arrangements, with power to add to their number.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed, of which the Moderator shall be Chairman, to consider the question of changing the name of the Synod to

the "Synod of New York and New England," and report thereon at the next meeting of the Synod.

It was

Resolved, That, if it be consistent with the postal laws of the country, the Managers of the "Assembly Herald" be requested to issue a special edition for this Synod, in which, from time to time, may be printed such material as may have particular value to the Churches within our bounds.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod, renewing the action of last year, heartily commends the work done in behalf of our Church, in the North Woods, under the supervision of the Rev. Richard G. McCarthy, and recommends to the Presbyteries of the State a cordial support of this hopeful and most necessary labor.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath-School Work presented a report, which was accepted, and Dr. Christopher Humble addressed the Synod by invitation.

The report is as follows:

The signal blessing which, during the past few years, has rested upon the work of the Board, especially in its Sabbath School and Missionary Department, should stimulate us to more earnest efforts in its behalf in the future. The effectiveness of this mode of reaching the people with evangelical ministrations through the children and youth of our country has been amply demonstrated. Notwithstanding all the obstacles and prejudices which our Missionaries have to encounter in frontier regions, and although much of their work must necessarily tend to enrich other denominations, we gratefully record the fact that over 300 Presbyterian Churches have, within the past six years, grown out of the Sunday Schools they have organized.

The gain to our own Church and to evangelical religion by the systematic and untiring labors of our Sunday School Missionaries, and especially by their distribution of Bibles and other literature, cannot, however, be estimated by mere statistical returns. This sowing of the seed of truth by all waters is silently producing the most marked effects on the intellectual, moral and religious condition of the country.

The preaching of a pure Gospel from house to house, and the establishment of Schools and Churches in spiritually destitute regions, are doing to a limited extent for the Presbyterian Church what the system of circuit-riding has done for the Methodist communion; and it can be indefinitely extended. It opens up new fields for the Home Missionary; it stirs up the zeal of Presbyteries, Pastors and Churches for the spiritual enrichment of their own particular fields; it makes Presbyterianism respected in places where it was almost, or altogether unknown, and it quickens the Missionary spirit all over our Church.

Our Synod has been a liberal supporter of this work. Her contributions to the Board in 1893-4 amounted to $16,199, and for the first five months of the current financial year to $12,959.

But liberal as are these offerings, we venture to plead for still larger gifts.

Last year 626 Churches, out of a total number of 906, contributed to this object, either from their Sabbath Schools or from the Church collections or from both. But we trust that when the Churches of New York fully realize the encouraging features of this work and the urgent need for its permanent enlargement, there will be fewer non-contributing Churches and Sabbath Schools and more liberal offerings.

During the first five months of the current year our Missionaries have organized nearly 800 new Sabbath Schools in spiritually destitute places, bringing in an average return every day of over 200 children, who but for this work would probably have remained without the means of religious instruction. It is impossible fully to realize the import of these figures ; but in the heart of every thoughtful Christian they must excite emotions of holy joy. With enlarged contributions and more men and women consecrated to this service, we can extend our beneficent work almost indefinitely in regions now largely destitute of Gospel light. Our own Church cannot do all the work, but we may with ease very largely increase our present activities in this fruitful field.

Within the bounds of our Synod we note some advance in Sabbath School work. The entire number of schools under the care of our own Churches is 931, an increase of 19 during the year. The number of scholars has increased 5,746, the entire number reported being 153,767. It is especial cause for gratitude that 5,870 Sabbath School Scholars in our Synod were received into the full communion of the Church during the past year, an increase of 1,224 over the number reported the previous year.

There has, however, been a falling off in the contributions of the Schools. The entire amount contributed was $140,312, a decrease of $7,678 from the previous year. Of this amount $10,814 was given to the Missionary work of the Board. We regret to note that about one-half of the entire amount contributed, or $70,087, was applied by the Schools to their own support. This expense should ordinarily be borne by the Churches, and the money contributed by our children and youth should, if possible, be consecrated to purely benevolent objects.

The Committee recommends the following :

1. The Synod, grateful to God for His signal blessing upon the work of this Board, and in view of the urgent demands coming from many different parts of our country for more Sabbath School Missionaries, calls upon every Church, Sabbath School and Young People's Society to respond to God's goodness and the calls of His providence by making a corresponding offering to Sabbath School and Mission Work.

2. All our Pastors and Sessions are requested to examine, and as far as practicable to adopt and carry on the plan of Home Class Departments in connection with their Sabbath Schools, by this means promoting and systematizing the study of God's Word by those unable to attend Sabbath School.

3. To render more thorough the study and teaching of our Sabbath Schools, Pastors, Sessions and Sabbath School laborers are urged to introduce the Westminster system of graded Supplemental Lessons, thus grading the Sabbath School according to the recommendation of the General Assembly.

4. Attention is called to the fact that many children and youth within the bounds of our congregations are yet outside the blessed ministration of the Church and Sabbath School, it being estimated that in our own State not less than 700,000 children of school age are in this sad condition. And the Synod affectionately urges its Sabbath School laborers to use persistent efforts to reach these neglected ones and bring them into their Schools.

5. The Synod rejoices in the results of Children's Day, and recommends every Sabbath School in its bounds to observe that day in 1895, contributing a liberal offering to Sabbath School Work, and seeking earnestly to make the day one of spiritual profit.

6. That our Sabbath Schools are urged to use the Westminster Lesson Helps and papers provided by the Board.

7. The Synod affectionately enjoins upon all officers and teachers of its Schools to keep steadily in mind that the great object of this work is the bringing of all the pupils to Christ and their building up in Christ. To this end, a meeting should be held for prayer for the Holy Spirit in connection with every Sabbath School, and earnest and direct efforts should be made to lead every unconverted scholar to the Lord Jesus Christ.

8. Pastors and Elders should consider the advisableness of setting apart one Lord's Day to special evangelistic efforts in behalf of Sabbath School scholars.

9. The Superintendents and Teachers of our schools are urged to impress upon their scholars the importance, while utilizing available helps, of studying the current lessons out of their Bibles directly, and of bringing their Bibles regularly to the Sunday School.

The recommendations were adopted.

It was

Resolved, That the supervision of the Young People's Societies of the Synod be entrusted to the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work, and that it hereafter be entitled the Committee on Publication, Sabbath School Work and Young People's Societies.

The Moderator was authorized to fill vacancies in the Committee.

The Committee of Visitors to Hamilton College presented the following report which was accepted :

"Beautiful for situation !" we exclaimed as we stood before the scene which College Hill commanded, on a lovely October afternoon. It is a point of view whence every prospect pleases, except the vacant spaces that eloquently plead to be built upon. We looked in at the Library, and were glad of the impression we received, that the books on the shelves, to which additions are constantly made, are generously used.

We renewedly congratulate the College upon its Geological and Mineralogical Cabinets and its Collections in Natural History, as well as upon the Knox Hall that houses them. We find a well-equipped Gymnasium, with an unusually competent Physical Director, who is a physician, in charge. The system of water-works, projected a few months since, is to be completed, if not this Fall, certainly before the end of the college year.

We find a united and very busy Faculty. With every name is coupled a function which is diligently, usefully and attractively worked. President Stryker is the right man in the right place—dignified, sympathetic, scholarly, enthusiastic, devout, an eloquent preacher, a charming platform speaker ; the College certainly, in such a President, has an invaluable acquisition.

There are 141 students, 14 more than last year. The 39 or 40 scholarships are worthily bestowed. To the utmost of its ability the College is disposed to aid needy students, but with the aim of helping them to help themselves. We mingled somewhat with the students, and found them outspoken in their attachment to the Institution.

We were struck with the wholesome influence of the fraternity life at Hamilton, and we are more than ever disposed to encourage it. What are the Secret Societies but private families as it were, composed of men drawn together by an elective affinity calculated to develop much of the best that is in them, and to survive as one of the most gracious and beneficent memories of college life.

The catalogue of the College abounds in vigorous, attractive and progressive statements ; but not one, we believe, is a dead letter. No one can read the curriculum without realizing that it has been laid out with the greatest care. It is admirably balanced. We call special attention to the instruction given in German and French under the best of teachers, and to the fact that Biblical study and the kindred branches of Church History, Natural Theology and Christian Evidences, are among the required studies of the entire course. There is a pronounced Christian spirit throughout the College. The Young Men's Christian Association is in a flourishing condition, all the more so because of the building provided for it, the happy thought, materialized, of Dr. Horace B. Silliman.

A part of the Committee spent a Sunday at the College. It was the day for the Communion. Two persons, one a member of the Faculty, the other of the Senior class, were received on confession of their faith. A Sophomore, twenty-one years of age, was ordained as an Elder, one of the youngest elders, probably, in our body. The College Church is regularly organized ; and Pastors and Sessions should encourage church members who go to Hamilton College to take not simply letters of commendation, but of dismission.

It will be seen that Hamilton College is steadfast, and always abounding in the work which it has been appointed to do. With a larger equipment it might do more. It needs, as the Synod knows, a three-story building for Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and a building devoted to recitation rooms. These would cost in the neighborhood of $100,000. It also needs Scholarship and Fellowship funds of at least $100,000, and $300,000 for the more liberal endowment of Professors' Chairs. In all $500,000 are required. The College can live without it, but cannot live well. It is not "now or never" with Hamilton College, as far as the $500,000 are concerned, but it is "now better than ever." If we, the members

of the Synod, and the constituencies we represent, know these things, happy shall we and Hamilton College and all concerned be, if we do them.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Report of the Board to the last Assembly was not unlike the day of Zechariah's vision, a day of mingled lights and shadows. It showed the gratifying fact that the Board had been able to send promptly the full amounts asked by the Presbyteries for the relief of the aged and needy servants of the Church. It indicated the comforting fact that much help had been given the widows and orphans of many faithful servants of Christ who had been so much engrossed in the higher service of God and humanity during the years of their earthly life as to have failed in heaping up riches, not knowing who should gather them.

On the other hand, the Report made manifest the melancholy fact that the receipts of the Board during the year had fallen behind its expenditures for the same period some $20,000. Our Churches, to the number of 3,798, had failed to contribute anything to its treasury, and had thus manifested their willingness to pass over to the obsolete ministration of the ravens, the aged and infirm prophets of Jehovah. Some of these delinquents are on the roll of our venerable, not to say wealthy, Synod.

The total contribution of the Synod to this Board amounted to the sum of $24,900. While this is about one-fourth the total receipts for the year, exclusive of interest on invested funds and individual contributions, it is not a generous proportion when the pecuniary ability of this body is taken into consideration. A word to the wise may be sufficient, but not always to the penurious ; they must be plied with arguments and presented with appeals, until they are led to do their duty to the disabled ministers and the destitute households of the deceased ministers of our Church. The Elders, who make the work of this Board a special object of interest and effort, are worthy of considerable, if not of double, honor. They testify thus practically their esteem, for their work's sake, of those who, in days past, have toiled with long patience and short stipends in the Master's vineyard. Surely, about the faithful and aged servants of the Church, as they sit at the eventide waiting for the summons to the higher ministry of heaven, there should fall the light of the Church's sympathy and succor. The nation's pensioners are not a few. The millions dispensed by her Bureau of Relief to the beneficiaries on our pension-rolls are many. Yet the patriotic heart of this great nation would not withhold the nation's bounty from those who have received honorable wounds in her service and who are in sickness or want. The heart of Christ's Church holds, surely, as deep a sense of obligation to those who have fought the battles of the faith, and who at life's end bear the scars of their noble and self-sacrificing service

The Committee recommends that an effort be made, on the part of our Elders and Pastors, to disabuse the mind of our Churches of the false and hurtful impression that the invested funds of the Board are sufficient to meet the calls made upon its treasury, and that they be urged to increase during the present year their contributions twenty per cent. over those of last year.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee of Visitors to Adams Collegiate Institute presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Synod's Committee met at the Adams Institute, May 3d, 1894. It passed several hours in viewing the village, the site, the building and the appliances, and in conferring with teachers, trustees and citizens. It records with pleasure the courtesy which was accorded to its members as the Synod's representatives.

The village of Adams is in the level country which makes Jefferson County so arable and prosperous. It is not far from Watertown and within a short ride of Syracuse. It is a clean and wholesome village, with an air of neatness and comfort and order, that claims immediate recognition from a new comer. There seems to be a most notable absence of all things morally malarious. It is a village of self-respect and good taste, affording a remarkably good environment for study and growth, a quiet, simple and happy place for earnest young men and maidens.

The school building is well placed, and is an honest and unpretentious brick building of three stories and a basement. It is well built and commodious. The whole plant is worth, perhaps, $30,000. It affords comfortable residence for about forty pupils. The appointments are simple, but adequate. With a strong and aggressive faculty doing first-class work of the upper academic grade, this school should not only claim, but should command, the attention, regard and patronage of a large and well-peopled region. As a school under the care of the Presbytery in which it stands, it would be an excellent place to demonstrate the feasibility of Church provision and control. If the Synod purposed to establish a system of say six Church Academies at various points within its bounds, Adams would fully deserve to be one of these.

Your Committee queries whether the Synod is prepared to enter upon this experiment. To accept the Adams Collegiate Institute with any guarantee of its full equipment and officering, would require the raising of $100,000.

Your Committee expresses its high appreciation of the generosity and disinterestedness of the offer made by Mr. D. A. Dwight, who at present controls this property. If no money were needed to be raised, we should recommend the establishing of Presbyterial control. A strong, definite, local oversight could thus be had. But your Committee thinks that the control of such an interest by the Synod would be formal, vague and feeble. We cannot advise the acceptance of the offer, in view of the conditions and their financial demands which would morally attach to such an acceptance. The project of raising money for just such an enterprise would scarcely make more than a local appeal, and unless some large donor with great zeal should arise, the ventured scheme would fail.

The Committee appointed to represent the Synod before the last General Assembly in the Assembly Judicial Case, No. 2, postponed from the Assembly of 1893, reported the fulfillment of the duty assigned it, and submitted the action of the Assembly as recorded in the Minutes of 1894, pages 127 and 128.

The report was accepted.

The Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted :

The contributions of the Woman's Synodical Committee for Home Missions for the year ending April, 1894, amounted in money to $66,277; $2.935 less than last year. The value of boxes of supplies amounted to $45,030.

For the first time since the organization of this Committee there has been a falling off in gifts. Many of the smaller Presbyteries made, as usual, commendable advance, the principal deficit occurring where the destitute unemployed were massed in great numbers.

Our Mission Schools were never in better condition. The presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifest in them, and great good has been accomplished. It gives us pain to have to restrict the work, to withdraw any of our teachers, or to close any of our schools. With God's blessing we hope still to press forward with renewed courage and enlarged faith.

The Committee requests authority to ask collections annually from the Sabbath Schools, for its work among the Freedmen, on the Lord's Day nearest to Lincoln's birthday.

The request was granted.

The Committee appointed to collate the reports of the Examining Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries, presented the following additional recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the Records of the following Presbyteries be approved as far as written : Albany, Boston, Cayuga and Rochester.

2. That the Records of the Presbytery of North River be approved as far as written with the following exception :

A certain unsigned statement of theological beliefs which was recorded by direction of the Presbytery, and which the Synod directs the Presbytery to expunge for the following reasons :

1. The Presbytery should not have directed its Stated Clerk to record a statement which was at the time unwritten, whose contents therefore were unknown, and which had not been presented to or approved by the Presbytery.

2. The candidate having been examined on theology, and his examination having been sustained, it was contrary to our usage to require or receive a supplementary written statement of his belief.

3. In proposing the Constitutional questions, the Presbytery should not have required more or accepted less than an affirmative answer to the question prescribed in our Book—Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

The Committee farther reported that the Records of the Presbyteries of Eastern Persia, Siam, Steuben and Western Persia had not been presented.

The report was accepted.

The following Committee was appointed to report on the proposal to change the name of the Synod :

Ministers—George C. Yeisley, T. Ralston Smith, Robert F. Sample, Martin D. Kneeland.

Elders—Ebenezer M. McPherson, Charles M. Jesup, Ralph E. Prime.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The following were appointed the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day :

Ministers—Newton J. Conklin, J. Wilford Jacks, Hiram W. Congdon, Gerard B. F. Hallock.

Elders—William R. Worrall, James H. Loomis, Horace Briggs.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was accepted :

Your Committee finds but little which is of distinctive application to our Synod in the Assembly Minutes. It notes, however, several reasons for congratulation on our part.

1. In the approval, without exceptions, of the Minutes of our Stated Clerk. This, of course, is always to be expected ; but we take this occasion to declare and emphasize his worth.

2. In the warm approval by the Assembly of the plan for a Missionary Congress which originated in this Synod. The Minutes (page 157) urge on all other Synods the adoption of such a plan.

3. On page 117 we read "It should be the aim of the larger and stronger Synods to contribute annually more than they ask from the treasury of the Board of Church Erection. Our Synod has met this request in the ratio of three to one, its gifts being $15,000 and its grants received $5,000. But we should not be content with standing at the head of the list ; we should do better still.

4. On page 142 the attention of all the Synods is called to the appointment of Committees on Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers, that the two may be brought together in a way to promote ecclesiastical matrimony.

The Permanent Committee on Publication, Sabbath School Work and Young People's Societies, as re-constituted, was announced by the Moderator as follows :

Ministers—Donald McLaren, John T. Wilds, A. Woodruff Halsey, John E. Adams.

Elders—William R. Worrall, Russell W. McKee, Charles M. Jesup.

The Committee on Religion and Public Education presented the following report, which was accepted :

The work of this Committee now consists in watching carefully the drift of public opinion on the highly important question of the relation of the State to moral and religious instruction. In so far as we have the facts before us, our Public Schools are doing noble service, not only in the matter of instructing the youth of the State, but in unifying the Nation. Our school books are models of the printer's art, and contain selections from the best English authors. But it may be said that while these selections are not lacking in moral and ethical sentiments there are fewer Scriptural selections than in former years. In the matter of singing hymns and reading the Holy Scriptures, the custom is quite prevalent in our schools ; while a great improvement is to be seen in the matter of inculcating patriotic sentiments by means of song.

The attitude of the Roman Catholic Church towards our Public Schools is peculiarly interesting. The policy of that Church is to control public education, notwithstanding the seeming relinquishment of this policy by Archbishop Ireland and the Papal Delegate Satolli. Let America understand that the policy of Rome is by no means changed.

The danger which threatens our Public Schools arises from two sources, the division of the Public School fund, and the control of the appointment of teachers and of the machinery of our school system by politicians. Your Committee will watch the current of public opinion on this vital question, and promptly report all matters demanding Synodical action.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the Synod recognizes with appreciative gratitude the courtesy of the Presbyterian Union as expressed in the reception given to the Synod on Thursday night ; and the members, carrying away most pleasant recollections of this edifying and delightful gathering, desire to have this recognition recorded on the minutes of the Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that permission had been granted to the following members to withdraw before the close of the sessions :

Presbytery of Albany : Ministers—Leslie R. Groves, Walter A. Hitchcock, Charles E. Dunn.

Binghamton : Ministers—Samuel Dunham, A. Cameron Mackenzie ; Elder—Henry F. Benton.

Boston : Elders—James Frame, John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson.

Brooklyn : Minister—David Junor ; Elders—William L. Hope, Verranus Morse.

Buffalo : Minister—Edward M. Sharp ; Elder—Alfred L. Jamison.

Cayuga : Minister—Henry R. Fancher.

Genesee : Ministers—Hiram W. Congdon, James A. Anderson.

Geneva: Elder—William A. Warne.

Hudson: Ministers—Thomas B. Thomas, Alpheus P. Meeker; Elders—Edward B. Palen, Edwin T. Hanford.

Long Island: Minister—Richard S. Campbell.

Lyons: Minister—Samuel C. Garlick.

New York: Elder—John Sloane.

North River: Elder—Joseph N. Badeau.

Otsego: Minister—James H. Robinson; Elder—Novatus M. Blish.

Rochester: Minister—Thomas E. Sherman.

St. Lawrence: Minister—L. Merrill Miller; Elder—George R. Bell.

Syracuse: Minister—Frank W. West; Elders—Henry J. Howe, Douglas N. Green.

Troy: Ministers—Hector Hall, Charles B. Atwood, Allen McD. Paterson; Elders—Mallory D. Schoonmaker, William H. Sherman.

Utica: Ministers—Samuel Jessup, George K. Fraser; Elder—Charles B. Cowles.

Westchester: Minister—William B. Waller; Elders—Henry M. Lester, Clarence L. Reid, Alexander O. Kirkwood.

The report was accepted.

The following Minute was adopted unanimously:

The Synod of New York, closing its delightful sessions in the historic old First Church of New York City, records its grateful sense of the hospitality extended to it by the families of the congregation and others co-operating with them, and its admiration of the perfect arrangements made for the comfort of the Synod and the facilitation of its important business. It expresses its great obligation to the Pastor, Elders and Trustees, to the efficient and devoted Committees on Entertainment and Transportation, to the Organist and Choir of the Church, to the painstaking and courteous janitor and his assistants, and to all who in any way have contributed to the signal success of these happy and memorable sessions.

The thanks of the Synod are also expressed to the Railway Companies of the Trunk Line Association, to the representatives of the Press, and to the hotels where many members of the body have been most comfortably entertained.

The Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., Chairman, responded in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, and was followed by the Moderator in a brief address.

The Trustees of the Synod presented no report.

The several standing Committees were called, and, having reported that they had no further business to present, were discharged.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be absent without leave:

Presbytery of Albany: Elder—Alexander Scott.

Binghamton: Minister—Benjamin B. Knapp; Elders—Henry A. Seymour, Charles W. Loomis.

Boston: Minister—Martin D. Kneeland; Elder—Neil McInnes.

Brooklyn: Minister—Robert D. Sproull; Elders—Linneus C. Hill, John A. Nexsen.

Buffalo: Minister—George S. Swezey; Elders—Sidney E. Adams, Chauncey G. Talcott.

Chemung: Minister—John Cairns.

Hudson: Minister—John S. Gilmor; Elders—J. Harvey Hanford, Peter E. Miller.

Nassau: Ministers—Philip A. Schwartz, Charles O. Gray; Elder—Lewis L. Fosdick.

New York: Elders—Stephen S. Clark, George P. Ludlum, William I. Walker, J. Crosby Brown.

Niagara: Elder—James P. MacKenzie.

Otsego: Minister—Milton C. Hambly; Elders—Adam Scott, Daniel McMullin, Thomas Ballantyne.

Rochester: Elders—George W. Comstock, William B. Levet, William A. Brodie.

St. Lawrence: Minister—William F. Skinner.

Steuben: Minister—Evan R. Evans.

Syracuse: Minister—John E. Beecher; Elder—Isaac H. Peckham.

Troy: Ministers—William H. Sybrandt, Charles E. MacGinness, James Cromie; Elders—Walter P. Schermerhorn, William L. Hitchcock.

Westchester: Ministers—Oliver S. Dean, Richard P. H. Vail, David Laughlin.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church, Binghamton, N. Y., on the third Tuesday, the fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1895, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. PASTORAL LETTER.

To the teaching Bishops, the Ruling Elders, Deacons, Communicants and Baptized Members of its Churches, the Synod of New York sends Greeting: "Grace be unto you and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Beloved, we sincerely trust that you will receive this Pastoral Letter in the spirit of brotherly love in which it is sent forth. Worshiping and working in separate congregations, we are yet one, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, justified by divine grace, and sanctified through the Holy Spirit; we are loyal to the doctrines and polity of the Scriptures set forth in our standards, and are united in the bonds of love and peace in Christ Jesus, the Head of the body which is the Church.

We render thanksgiving unto Almighty God for temporal blessings, the guidance of His good providence, the revelation of His Word, the incarnation of His Son, Jesus Christ, the gift of the Divine Spirit, the establishment of the Holy Catholic Church, her preservation and increasing influence, and the power of love, by which she is overcoming the world, and lifting humanity above the material and transitory, intelligently to apprehend the spiritual and eternal.

It is peculiarly fitting that we should gratefully acknowledge God's goodness to our Church in this and other lands, in granting her a sanctified wisdom to direct in the use of means suited to present-day needs; and inciting her to a more thorough study of the inspired Word, thus enabling her more effectually to persuade men to enter into covenant relations with her living Lord. As an incentive to such gratitude, the Synod directs attention to the rich spiritual harvest garnered through her ministrations. During no former year of her history has she received accessions so large. God has quickened her spiritual life, increased her power, lengthened her cords, and strengthened her stakes. Marvelously, through her, has He manifested His power among the nations, by gathering into one in Christ Jesus, from these United States, from Africa and China, from India and Japan, from Corea and Mexico, from Persia and Siam, from South America and Syria, seventy-four thousand eight hundred and twenty-six souls, which at the beginning of the Church year were not of our communion.

In view of these manifestations of divine favor, the Synod calls to mind that it is often through thanksgiving that the blessing of God is obtained. It is recorded that in ancient times, when the Lord's people assembled in holy convocation, rendering thanksgiving unto God, the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God. Therefore,

the Synod recommends that the Churches, with their Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies, observe the last Lord's Day of November next as a day of special thanksgiving to God for the blessed ingathering of souls during the past year; and that such thanksgiving be rendered in the spirit of humility, with earnest supplication, in trustful hope of a larger and richer spiritual harvest for the coming year, remembering that the promises of God in Christ are Yea and Amen.

The Synod offers hearty and loving congratulations to the Churches which, during the year, have enjoyed a threefold blessing. First, in the spiritual quickening that came to their communicants, who are now, more than ever, honoring their vows to God and His Church. Second, in the bringing of baptized non-communing members to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus, and to partake of the Holy Communion in attestation of their love for Him. Third, in the conversion of many of the unbaptized, who, in the infinite mercy of God, were brought nigh by the blood of Christ, and are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

To the Churches whose hopes have not been realized, who have faithfully sown the seed, but have not been permitted to reap the harvest, the Synod sends affectionate sympathy and words of cheer, and reminds them that there is a time for sowing and a time for reaping; that Paul plants and Apollos waters, but God gives the increase. Therefore, let them be assured that the Lord is with them in the faithful discharge of every duty, for "God is not unrighteous to forget their work and labor of love which they have showed towards His name, in that they have ministered to the saints, and do minister." In His infinite wisdom God sends some of His servants into fields white unto the harvest, while to others He gives the less encouraging work of breaking up the fallow ground and sowing the precious seed. Therefore, let our beloved brethren, whether it be theirs to sow the seed or to reap the harvest, be ever steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as they know that their labor is not in vain in the Lord.

With solicitude and kindly earnestness, the Synod calls the attention of any Churches that may have grown cold in their spiritual life to the words addressed to the Churches in Asia by the Lord Himself through the inspired Apostle. After commending their Christian faith and practice, where such was deserved, he tenderly rebuked them for the sin into which they had fallen. To-day, as of old, the Lord of life and glory stands at the entrance of such Churches, saying with divine pathos, "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten; be zealous, therefore, and repent." "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

For the spiritual welfare of the Congregations the Synod affectionately exhorts the Bishops to magnify their office according to the teaching of the Scriptures, which require, as touching character, that a Bishop "be blameless as the steward of God, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, not greedy of filthy lucre, patient, not covetous, not self-willed, not soon angry, a lover of good men, just, holy, temperate;" in short, a man of Christian integrity, whose life is a manifestation of the masculine virtues of the man Christ Jesus. As touching

qualifications, a Bishop "must be apt to teach, not a novice, holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, not driven about by every wind of doctrine, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." Moreover, as to both character and qualifications, a Bishop "must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

Brethren of the Ministry, it is largely from those that are without that the Church is to be reinforced; therefore, without compromise of character or belief, each minister should strive to attract and attach all such to himself, and through himself, by the grace of God, to the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls. To accomplish this the minister must be a man, a man of God, living, teaching and preaching so as to help those about him to abide in good courage and in hopeful assurance in the midst of life's mysterious and perplexing problems.

That the influence and work of the Bishops may be sustained and increased, the Synod affectionately exhorts its Elders to take the oversight of the Churches "not by constraint, but willingly, neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples of the flock," often conferring together with earnest solicitude for the best interests of Christ's Kingdom; coming into loving sympathy with those who have long served the Master, with those of mature years who have recently confessed His name, with young communicants who may sometimes be thoughtless, and with the baptized of the Church who have not yet come into full communion, over all of whom God has made them overseers. The Synod also calls upon the Deacons faithfully to discharge their duties according to the Scriptures.

While God imposes peculiar obligations on church officers, it is certain that if the work of the Church is to be fully accomplished, it must be by each follower of the Master doing his full share. God has a work for every Christian, and he calls every one to a specific service. The Head of the Church emphasized this by not confining the aggressive work of His Kingdom to those in official station, but sending forth His disciples, two by two, into every place, saying unto them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into the harvest." Here is the Christ-plan of church work, laborers, two by two, going forth to save others, and praying as they go. If this plan were adopted in all the Churches, as it has been in some with immediate and wholesome results, there would come a blessed quickening that would make the hearts of God's people rejoice with exceeding great joy. That it should be adopted, is to be expected, when it is remembered that their confession of Jesus as their Saviour places them before the world as "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people," zealous of good works, commissioned of God to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to every creature, to those near at hand and those afar off.

Finally, beloved in the Lord, the Synod earnestly exhorts all teaching Bishops, Ruling Elders, Deacons and believing communicants to be fervent in prayer, diligent in the study of God's Word, faithful in the performance of every Christian duty, instant in season and out of season.

"Now, the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is

well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

GEORGE C. YEISLEY,
Moderator.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

A. CAMERON MACKENZIE,
WILLIAM H. BATES,
RICHARD H. BLOOM,
Committee.

II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY consists of sixty-three ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates:

Ministers received:

December 12, 1893, Rev. Edwin Forest Hallenbeck, from the South Long Island Classis;

April 18, 1894, Rev. George Craig, from the Presbytery of Saginaw, Rev. Joseph H. France, D.D., from the Presbytery of Geneva, Rev. DeWitt G. Rockefeller, from Suffolk South Association, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

September 18, Rev. Charles A. Richmond, from the Presbytery of Buffalo, and Rev. Archibald McLean, from the Presbytery of East Oregon.

Candidate received:

September 18, 1894, William T. Moore.

Licensed:

December 12, 1893, Arthur Dracas;

April 18, 1894, John Timothy Stone, and James Wilson Brainard, local evangelist.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 12, 1893, between Rev. David M. Reeves, D.D., and the Church of Johnstown, and between Rev. John J. Henning and the Church of Princetown;

June 12, 1894, between Rev. John W. McCallum and the Church of Carlisle, between Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D., and the Fourth Church, Albany, and between Rev. James H. Ecob, D.D., and the Second Church, Albany.

Ordained:

April 18, 1894, Arthur Dracas.

Installations :

December 21, 1893, Rev. Edwin Forest Hallenbeck, over the Church of Greenbush ;

May 1, 1894, Rev. John W. McCallum, over the Church of Carlisle ;

May 2, Rev. Joseph H. France, D.D., over the Church of Johnstown ;

May 8, Rev. Frederick N. Rutan, over Bethany Church at Menands ;

October 2, Rev. Charles A. Richmond, over the Madison Avenue Church, Albany.

Ministers dismissed :

December 12, 1893, Rev. Walter Laidlaw, to the Classis of New York, Rev. Joseph H. Odell, to the Presbytery of Syracuse, Rev. Frank F. Blessing, to the Presbytery of Westchester, Rev. Charles A. Conant, to the Classis of Schenectady, Rev. Murray H. Gardner, to the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. John J. Henning, to the Presbytery of Troy ;

April 17, 1894. Rev. Wilfred W. Shaw, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;

April 18, Rev. Leroy L. Cameron, to the Presbytery of St. Paul, and Rev. Charles E. Herbert, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Name dropped from the roll :

June 12, 1894, Rev. James H. Ecob, D.D., upon his declaring himself independent.

Deceased :

February 13, 1894, at Esperance, Rev. William J. Blain, aged 69.

Licentiates dismissed :

April 17, 1894, Robert Clements, to the Presbytery of Steuben ;

April 18, Charles E. Rhodes, to the Presbytery of Buffalo, and H. Grant Persons, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;

June 12, John Timothy Stone, to the Presbytery of Utica.

II. The Presbytery of Binghamton consists of thirty-six ministers and twenty-nine churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received :

April 17, 1894, Rev. John McLachlan, from the Presbytery of Buffalo, Rev. William Parsons, from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and Rev. John Merriam, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;

September 6, Rev. G. Murray Colville, D.D., from the Wyoming Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ordinations :

April 17, 1894, David I. Sutherland and Benjamin B. Knapp ;

September 19, William Josiah Leverett.

Installations :

May 1, 1894, Rev. John Merriam, over the Second Church of Coventry ;

October 5, Rev. Benjamin B. Knapp, over the Church at Marathon.

Ministers dismissed :

March 2, 1894, Rev. Smith Ordway, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
September 6, Rev. Theodore Leverett Lockwood, to the Presbytery of Utah ;
September 17, Rev. G. Murray Colville, D.D., to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
September 18, Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe, to the Presbytery of North River, Rev. John Van C. Nellis, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. Thomas C. Miller, to the Congregational Association of New Jersey.

Deceased :

February 25, 1894, at Windsor, N. Y., Rev. Marshall B. Angier, aged 75 ;
March 23, at Fredonia, N. Y., Rev. Daniel W. Teller, aged 57.

Church enrolled :

May 29, 1894, Broad Avenue, Binghamton.

III. The Presbytery of Boston consists of fifty-nine ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care seven candidates.

Ministers received :

April 17, 1894, Rev. Scott F. Hershey, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Washington City ;
April 18, Rev. Albert G. Beebee, from the Hampden West Association of Congregational Ministers, Mass.; Rev. Charles H. Fields, from the Presbytery of Mayfield, Cumberland Presbyterian Church ; Rev. Joseph P. Langton, from the Presbytery of Montreal, Canada ;
October 2, Rev. John C. Wildey, from the Presbytery of West Jersey ;
October 3, Rev. William E. Archibald, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Topeka; Rev. Samuel R. French, from the Congregational Association of N. H.; Rev. Alva R. Scott, from the Presbytery of Freeport.

Candidates received :

Oct. 3, 1894, James D. Dingwell, James Henry McPhail, Leopold Reid Burrows.

Licentiate received :

October 2, 1894, Henry McGilvary, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

April 17, 1894, between Rev. Thomas Atkinson and the first Church, Worcester, Mass ;
April 18, between Rev. Sidney S. Conger and the First Church, Portland, Me., and between Rev. Thomas S. Corbett and Hope Church, S. Framingham, Mass ;
October 3, between Rev. William Steele and the First Church, Quincy, Mass.

Ordination :

October 3, 1894, Henry McGilvary, as an Evangelist.

Installations :

May 7, 1894, Rev. Thomas Atkinson, over the Union Square Church, Somerville, Mass ;

June 21, Rev. Donald Macdougall, B. D., over the First Church, New Bedford, Mass. ;

October 11, Rev. William E. Archibald, Ph.D., over the Brookline Church, Mass.

Ministers dismissed :

April 18, 1894, Rev. Sidney S. Conger to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ; and Rev. Thomas Corbett, to the Presbytery of Truro, Canada.

Deceased :

April 17, 1894, at South Boston, Rev. Frank Haven Hinman, aged 36 years ;

July 17, at Houlton, Me., Rev. Randolph A. Delancey, aged 76 years ;

August 2, at Manchester, N. H,, Rev. Frederick E. Stoekle, in the 33d year of his age.

Churches organized :

May 29, 1894, Brookline Church, Mass. ;

June 1, First Church, Brockton, Mass., and First Church, Graniteville, Vt.

IV. The Presbytery of Brooklyn consists of fifty-seven ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care four licentiates and eighteen candidates.

Ministers received :

December 4, 1893, Rev. William R. Lawton, from the Presbytery of Yadkin ;

February 5, 1894, Rev. Henry A. Todd, from the Muskegon Congregational Association ;

April 16, Rev. George E. Gillespie, from the Presbytery of Monmouth ;

May 15, Rev. Chandler A. Oakes, from the Presbytery of Newcastle ;

June 4, Rev. Alexander Wouters, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;

October 1, Rev. Edwin B. Van Auken, from the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. James W. Gilland, D.D., from the Presbytery of Northumberland.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 16, 1894, Nathaniel McGiffin, William H. Tower, and Oscar H. McGowan ;

October 1, Edward J. Noble.

Candidates licensed :

April 16, 1894, Robert Robinson, Charles C. Jaeger, and Frank W. Hill.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

February 19, 1894, between Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D.D., and Westminster Church ;

August 2, between Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., and Greene Avenue Church ;

October 3, between Rev. Asbury C. Clarke and Grace Church, by death.

Ordinations :

April 16, 1894, Robert M. Labaree ;
May 15, Eliot H. Moore and Robert Robinson ;
June 4, Willard P. Harmon and Louis O. Rotenbach.

Installations :

March 1, 1894, Rev. William R. Lawton, over Siloam Church ;
May 9, Rev. George E. Gillespie, over Bedford Church ;
June 18, Rev. Alexander Wouters, over Trinity Church.

Ministers dismissed :

April 6, 1894, Rev. Robert M. Labaree, to the Presbytery of Chester ;
June 4, Rev. Chandler A. Oakes, to the Classis of Kingston, of the Reformed Church ; Rev. Eliot H. Moore, to the Presbytery of Red River, and Rev. Louis O. Rotenbach, to the Presbytery of Hudson ;
August 2, Rev. Isaac V. W. Schenck, to the Classis of Newark, of the Reformed Church, and Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., to the Presbytery of Butte ;
October 1, Rev. Willard P. Harmon, to the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. Robert Robinson, to the Presbytery of Boulder.

Deaths :

May 24, 1894, in Brooklyn, Rev. Jerome Allen, Ph.D., aged 62 years;
October 3, in Brooklyn, Rev. Asbury C. Clarke, aged 40 years.

Church enrolled :

January 22, 1894, Bedford Church.

V. The Presbytery of Buffalo consists of fifty-three ministers and forty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received :

March 6, 1894, Rev. Henry Elliott Mott, from the Presbytery of Dubuque ;
September 18, Rev. G. Murray Colville, D.D., from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

March 6, 1894, between Rev. Henry D. Lindsay and the Church in Jamestown;
April 10, between Rev. Albert B. Robinson and the Walden Avenue Church, Buffalo ;
August 13, between Rev. Charles A. Richmond and the Church in East Aurora.

Ordination :

June 8, 1894, Charles E. Rhodes.

Installations :

November 14, 1893, Rev. Samuel Van Vranken Holmes, over the Westminster Church, Buffalo ;
November 20, Rev. George S. Swezey, over the Church in Westfield ;

June 8, 1894, Rev. Charles E. Rhodes, over the Park Church, Buffalo ;
September 28, Rev. G. Murray Colville, D.D., over the Church in Jamestown.

Ministers dismissed :

March 6, 1894, Rev. Henry D. Lindsay, to the Presbytery of Allegheny;
April 10, Rev. John McLachlan, to the Presbytery of Binghamton, and Rev. Edwin Hall, to the Presbytery of Cayuga ;
August 13, Rev. Charles A. Richmond, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidate dropped from the roll :

September 19, 1893, Mr. George N. Newman.

Deaths :

November 28, 1893, at Port Dover, Ont., Rev. John C. Quin, in the 78th year of his age ;
May 23, 1894, at Clarence, N. Y., Rev. Edwin Allen, in the 62d year of his age ;
September 29, at Salamanca, N. Y., Rev. William Hall, in the 86th year of his age.

VI. The Presbytery of Cayuga consists of thirty-one ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care six licentiates and nineteen candidates.

Ministers received :

April 10, 1894, Rev. Edwin Hall, from the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
May 10, Rev. Charles E. Herbert, from the Presbytery of Albany;
June 15, Rev. Edward H. Adriance, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

November 21, 1893, Murdock S. Mackay and Horatio S. Beach ;
January 1, 1894, Henry S. McGilvary ;
April 10, Herbert W. Knox, John H. Stewart, Hugh Ivey, Robert W. Ivey, John W. Lowden, Allan McIntosh, David M. McIntosh, Neil K. McLennon;
May 11, Ora P. Rider ;
September 25, Abbott Y. Wilcox, Thomas C. Sterling, Theophilus Macleod, Andrew McBrown, John R. Wilson.

Licensed :

May 11, 1894, Ora P. Rider.

Licentiates received :

May 21, 1893, Thomas Kerr ;
May 10, 1894, Alvin R. Pennell and Andrew A. C. Skinner.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

January 1, 1894, between Rev. Anson L. Hassler and the Calvary Church, Auburn ;
January 29, between Rev. Matthew G. Henry and the Second and Third Churches of Genoa ;
April 10, between Rev. Horace T. Chadsey and the Church of Owasco ;
September 25, between Rev. John P. MacPhie and the Church of Meridian.

Ordinations :

May 13, 1894, Andrew A. C. Skinner and Ora P. Rider ;
June 15, Alvin R. Pennell.

Installations :

June 15, 1894, Rev. Alvin R. Pennell over the Church of Cato ;
July 5, Rev. Charles E. Herbert over the Second and Third Churches of Genoa.

Ministers dismissed :

November 11, 1893, Rev. Charles S. Ragbir, to the Presbytery of Trinidad ;
January 29, 1894, Rev. Matthew G. Henry, to the Presbytery of Lyons ;
August 24, Rev. Anson L. Hassler, to the Presbytery of Wooster ;
September 25, Rev. Ora P. Rider, to the Presbytery of Fargo.

Licentiates transferred :

April 10, 1894, Charles M. Dodge, to the care of the Presbytery of Utica, and Andrew Nelson, to the care of the Presbytery of Lyons ;
September 25, Eugene V. Ostrander, to the care of the Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidates transferred :

April 10, 1894, Nathaniel McGriffin, to the care of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Murdock S. Mackay, to the care of the Presbytery of Regina, Canada ;
May 10, Henry McGilvary, to the care of the Presbytery of Geneva.

January 1, 1894, Rev. Frederick W. Palmer was elected Treasurer of the Presbytery.

VII. The Presbytery of Champlain consists of nineteen ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Minister received :

April 10, 1894, Rev. William H. Miller, from the Presbytery of Kearney.

Ministers dismissed :

November 23, 1893, Rev. Joseph Dixon, to the Classis of Orange, N. Y ;
December 20, Rev. Osman L. Cole, to the Saint Lawrence and Black River Association, N. Y.

License renewed :

September 19, 1894, Esta E. Grosh.

April 10, 1894, Rev. Peter J. H. Myers resigned the offices of Stated Clerk and Treasurer, and the Rev. Joseph Gamble was chosen his successor.

VIII. The Presbytery of Chemung consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received :

November 21, 1893, Rev. Louis F. Ruf, from the Presbytery of Rochester ;
January 27, 1894, Rev. Murray H. Gardner, from the Presbytery of Albany ;
April 17, Rev. Ira E. Leonard, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Licensed :

April 18, 1894, John M. D. Francis.

Ministers dismissed :

April 17, 1894, Rev. Jeremiah Petrie, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
May 29, Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Installations :

November 21, 1893, Rev. Louis F. Ruf, over the Church of Watkins ;
January 27, 1894, Rev. Murray H. Gardner, over the Church of Horse Heads ;
May 29, Rev. Warren D. More, over the North Church of Elmira.

Deceased :

January, 14, 1894, at Elmira, Rev. Pliny F. Sanborne, aged 73.

Church organized :

April 18, 1894, North Church of Elmira.

IX. The Presbytery of Chile consists of eleven ministers and six churches, and has four students for the ministry under its care.

It received Rev. Edson A. Lowe, from the Presbytery of Lima.

It has one Theological Seminary within its bounds, one Collegiate Institute, and five schools for the common people, all under the direction of the Chile Mission.

It publishes a bi-weekly paper, *El Heraldo*, 3,000 of each issue, and large numbers of tracts.

X. The Presbytery of Columbia consists of eighteen ministers and nineteen churches.

Minister received :

April 18, 1894, Rev. Robert B. Perine, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Installations :

October, 17, 1893, Rev. Ezekiel D. Van Dyck, over the Church at Greenville ;
June 19, 1894, Rev. Robert B. Perine, over the Church at Centreville.

Ministers dismissed :

April 17, 1894, Rev. Frank E. Kavanagh, to the Reformed Classis of Philadelphia ;
September 19, Rev. James Blain, to the U. P. Presbytery of Delaware, N. Y.

Deceased :

Dec. 21, 1893, at Ashland, N. Y., Rev. Timothy Williston, H. R., in the 89th year of his age.

XI. The Presbytery of Eastern Persia consists of seven ministers and two churches, and has under its care two candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1894.]

XII. The Presbytery of Genesee consists of twenty ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care one local evangelist and three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1894, Rev. Leonard W. A. Luckey, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Logansport;

September 25, Rev. Ward C. Peabody, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

July 31, 1894, between Rev. John R. Lewis and the Church at Bergen.

Installation:

September 25, 1894, Rev. Leonard W. A. Luckey, Ph.D., over the Church of Castile.

Deceased:

February 21, 1894, at Warsaw, N. Y., Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, D.D., in the 67th year of his age.

Church dissolved:

April 10, 1894, the Church at Alexander.

XIII. The Presbytery of Geneva consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received:

May 7, 1894, Rev. Charles H. Lester, from the Presbytery of Niagara;

September 24, Rev. Fletcher A. Valentine, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

December 18, 1893, Ira E. Leonard, from the Presbytery of Los Angeles, and Louis M. Sweet on examination;

April 17, 1894, Herbert M. Gesner;

July 23, Daniel A. McKenzie on examination, and Henry McGilvary, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Licensed:

December 18, 1893, Ira E. Leonard;

April 17, 1894, Louis M. Sweet;

July 23, Henry McGilvary;

September 25, Herbert M. Gesner.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 18, 1893, between Rev. William H. Bates and the Church of Phelps, to take effect January 1, 1894;

April 17, 1894, between Rev. H. Bradley Sayre and the Church at Branchport, to take effect on or before June 1;

September 24, between Rev. John T. Crumrine and the church of Manchester.

Ordination :

December 18, 1893, Ira E. Leonard as an evangelist.

Ministers dismissed :

December 5, 1893, Rev. Samuel Murdock, to the Presbytery of Niagara ;
March 20, 1894, Rev. Ira E. Leonard, o the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. Joseph H. France, D.D., to the Presbytery of Albany ;
May 7, Rev. H. Bradley Sayre, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Deceased :

June 20, 1894, at Watkins, N. Y., Rev. George C. Curtis, D.D., in the 77th year of his age ;
August 28, at Phelps, N. Y., Rev. Anson Hall Parmelee, in the 84th year of his age ;
September 29, at Phelps, N. Y., Rev. William D. Woodruff, aged 89 years.

XIV. The Presbytery of Hudson consists of forty-five ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 16, 1894, Rev. Joseph M. Leiper, from the Presbytery of Sequoyah ;
April 17, Rev. John W. Keller from Allegheny Presbytery, Cumberland Presbyterian Church ;
September 18, Rev. Louis O. Rotenbach, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 17, 1894, Smith G. Dunning, licensed for one year.

Licentiate received :

July 24, 1894, George Donaldson, from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

April 17, 1894, between the Rev. Charles H. Park and the Circleville Church.

Ordination :

July 24, 1894, George Donaldson.

Installation :

April 30, 1894, Rev. Joseph M. Leiper over the Greenbush Church.

Candidate released :

April 17, 1894, William M. Robertson was released from the care of Presbytery and granted a certificate of standing.

Deceased :

April 10, 1894, at Chester, N. Y., Rev. John Burrows, D.D., aged 62 years ;
June 19, at Scotchtown, N. Y., Rev. David Beattie, in his 66th year.

XV. The Presbytery of Long Island consists of twenty-two ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 17, 1894, Rev. Richard S. Campbell, D.D., from the Presbytery of Newark ; Rev. Frederick G. Beebe, from the Presbytery of New York ; and Rev. Morse Rowell, from the Presbytery of Petosky.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

February 9, 1894, between Rev. James W. Hillman and the Church of Mattituck ;

July 30, between Rev. William H. Roberts and the Church of Port Jefferson.

Deceased :

August 9, 1894, at Wantagh, L. I., Rev. William H. Roberts, aged 34 years.

XVI. The Presbytery of Lyons consists of twenty ministers, and eighteen churches, and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates.

Minister received :

Dec. 19, 1893, Rev. Matthew G. Henry, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 18, 1894, Charles F. Kent ;
September 18, Elwood J. Bulgin.

Licentiate received :

April 17, 1894, Andrew Nelson, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Licensed :

September 18, 1894, Elwood J. Bulgin, as a local evangelist ;
September 19, Charles F. Kent and Louis A. Peirson.

Ordinations :

June 6, 1894, Andrew Nelson ;
September, 19, Charles F. Kent and Louis A. Peirson, as evangelists.

Dissolution of the pastoral relation :

December 19, 1893, between Rev. Alexander D. McIntosh, and the Churches of Wolcott Second and Victory.

Installations :

January 18, 1894, Rev. Alexander D. McIntosh, over the Church of Sodus ;
June 6, Rev. Andrew Nelson, over the Churches of Wolcott Second and Victory.

Ministers dismissed :

March 19, 1894, Rev. Matthew Gaffney, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
April 18, Rev. Jacob Dyk, to the Reformed Classis of Rochester.

XVII. The Presbytery of Nassau consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received :

March 15, 1894, Rev. Kneeland P. Ketcham, D.D., from the Presbytery of Elizabeth ;
April 10, Rev. Frank M. Kerr, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;
May 1, Rev. Charles G. Ellis, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North, and Rev. Charles O. Gray, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 12, 1893, between Rev. H. Preston McHenry and the Ocean Side Church ;
October 2, 1894, between Rev. John P. H. Schweitzer and St. Paul's Church.

Installations :

November 1, 1893, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, over the Whitestone Church ;
November 15, Rev. Edward B. French, over the Bellmore Church ;
April 25, 1894, Rev. Frank M. Kerr, over Christ Church, Hempstead ;
May 1, Rev. Charles G. Ellis, over the Northport Church ;
May 23, Rev. Charles O. Gray, over the Church of Smithtown.

Ministers Dismissed :

December 12, 1893, Rev. H. Preston McHenry, to the Presbytery of Newton;
June 12, 1894, Rev. Fletcher A. Valentine, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;
October 2, Rev. John P. H. Schweitzer, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Change in name of Church :

October 2, 1894, "Springfield" to "Springland."

XVIII. The Presbytery of New York consists of one hundred and seventy ministers and fifty-five churches, and has under its care fourteen licentiates and twenty-three candidates.

Ministers received :

December 11, 1893, Rev. Jacob Freshman, from the Montreal Conference, and Rev. Arthur C. McGiffert, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati ;
February 12, 1894, Rev. James Bassett, from the Presbytery of Kingston ;
April 9, Rev. John E. Bushnell, from the Presbytery of Westchester ;
June 18, Rev. Robert Barbour, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

February 12, 1894, James M. Farr ;
March 12, Robert H. Herron, Alvah G. Fessenden, James H. Robinson, Morris Frank, Raymond N. De Leon ;
April 10, George Donaldson.

Licensed :

May 7, 1894, Edward L. Chichester, Hubert L. Franzen, Gregory A. Shirajion, William Schiller, Joseph D. Ibbotsen, Franklin Gaylord, Alvah G. Fessenden, Joseph H. Robinson, John H. Freeman.

May 14, James M. Farr.

Ordinations :

June 17, 1894, Warren H. Wilson, Stephen Righter ;

May 8, Alvah G. Fessenden, Robert H. Herron, Arthur Spaulding, Pierce B. Tompkins, Edward J. Lloyd ;

Oct. 1, Franklin Gaylord.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

November 11, 1893, between Rev. George L. Spining, D.D., and the Phillips Church ;

December 11, between Rev. George S. Webster and the Church of the Covenant ;

December 31, between Rev. John R. Paxton, D.D., and the West Church ;

April 9, 1894, between Rev. Bryce K. Douglas and the Lenox Church.

Installations :

November 16, 1893, Rev. Charles J. Young, D.D., over the Church of the Puritans ;

January 2, 1894, Rev. George S. Webster, over the Church of the Covenant (new) ;

April 17, Rev. John C. A. Becker, over the Morningside Church ;

May 28, Rev. John E. Bushnell, over the Phillips Church.

Ministers dismissed :

December 11, 1893, Rev. George L. Spining, D.D., to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;

February 12, 1894, Rev. Frederick G. Beebe, to the Presbytery of Long Island ;

April 9, Rev. Samuel S. Laws, to the Presbytery of Charleston, and Rev. Jacob Freshman, to the Presbytery of Newark ;

June 18, Rev. Richard D. Harlan, to the Presbytery of Rochester ;

October 1, Rev. Edward P. Payson, to the Presbytery of Newark ; Rev. Arthur Spaulding, to the Classis of Paramus ; Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, to the Presbytery of Newark, and Rev. James Hall, to the Brooklyn Association of Congregational Churches.

Candidates and licentiates transferred :

November 11, 1893, B. Franklin Guille, to the Presbytery of Kingston ;

March 12, 1894, Theodore L. Van Norden, to the Presbytery of Westchester ;

May 14, John H. Freeman, to the Presbytery of Freeport ;

July 20, George Donaldson, to the Presbytery of Hudson, and James Byers, to Corning Presbytery ;

Oct. 6, Hubert Franzen, to the Classis of Brooklyn, and Albert E. Stewart, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Churches organized :

November 30, 1893, Church of the Covenant (new) ;
March 12, 1894, Morningside Church ;
March 12, 1894, the Brick Church and the Church of the Covenant, New York, were consolidated.

Deceased :

January 29, 1893, in New York City, Rev. John M. Buchanan, aged 74 ;
January 19, 1894, in New York, Rev. Samuel Bowden, aged 72 ;
August 28, in London, Eng., Rev. James Morton, aged 76.

XIX. The Presbytery of Niagara consists of twenty-one ministers and twenty-one churches.

Minister received :

December 7, 1893, Rev. Samuel Murdock, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Ordained :

December 7, 1893, Dean R. Leland.

Installation :

December 7, 1893, Rev. Dean R. Leland, over the Second Ward Church, Lockport.

Ministers dismissed :

April 17, 1894, Rev. Charles H. Lester, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;
September 17, Rev. Ward C. Peabody, to the Presbytery of Genesee.

XX. The Presbytery of North Laos consists of eleven ministers and nine churches, and has under its care four licentiates and eight candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1894.]

XXI. The Presbytery of North River consists of forty-three ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received :

October 2, 1894, Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe, from the Presbytery of Binghamton; and Rev. Arthur Potts, from the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

April 17, 1894, Calvin Wight, and Joseph Needham Kinney ;
May 14, F. Lincoln Cornish.

Candidates licensed :

April 17, 1894, Calvin Wight ;
May 14, F. Lincoln Cornish.

Licentiate received :

October 26, 1893, James Thomas, from the Presbytery of Albemarle.

Ordinations :

October 26, 1893, James Thomas, as an evangelist;
June 28, 1894, F. Lincoln Cornish.

Installation :

October 10, 1893, Rev. Julius Straus, over the Westminster Church ;
November 1, Rev. Charles L. Carhart, over the Church at Marlborough ;
June 28, 1894, Rev. F. Lincoln Cornish, over the Church at Bethlehem.

Minister dismissed :

April 17, 1894, Rev. John Jay Crane, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Deceased :

June 5, 1894, at Baltimore, Md., Rev. Goodloe B. Bell, in the 61st year of his age.

XXII. The Presbytery of Otsego consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-seven churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates.

Minister received :

Sept. 12, 1894, Rev. J. C. Stinson, from the Presbytery of Orangeville, Canada.

Licentiates received :

April 25, 1894, Charles M. Herrick, from the Presbytery of Cayuga ;
October 2, Eugene V. Ostrander, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordinations :

May 22, 1894, Charles M. Herrick;
October 2, Eugene V. Ostrander.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

July 30, 1894, between Rev. William H. Kelley and the Church of New Berlin;
September 12, between Rev. James Otis Denniston and the Church of Cooperstown, and between Rev. John H. Brandow and the Church of Oneonta.

Installations :

May 22, 1894, Rev. Charles M. Herrick, over the Church of Hobart ;
October 2, Rev. Eugene V. Ostrander, over the Church of East Springfield.

Ministers dismissed :

April 2, 1894, Rev. Joseph H. Ralston, to the Presbytery of Allegheny;
April 25, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, to the Classis of Schoharie ;
September 12, Rev. William H. Kelley, to the Presbytery of Fort Dodge.

Church organized :

October 2, 1894, East Meredith, Delaware Co.

Honorably retired :

April 25, 1894, Rev. George Browne.

XXIII. The Presbytery of Rochester consists of sixty-five ministers and forty-seven churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received :

November 27, 1893, Rev. James M. McElhinney, from the Presbytery of Rochester, Reformed Church;
April 11, 1894, Rev. William Smith, from the Presbytery of Wooster ;
April 19, Rev. Frank G. Weeks, from the Presbytery of Cleveland, and Rev. Arthur M. Smith, from the Presbytery of Mankato ;
September 18, Rev. Richard D. Harlan, from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

April 10, 1894, Lewis Haas, Frank E. Hoyt and Jesse Jay Herberson.

Licensed :

April 10, 1894, Lewis Haas ;
September 18, Frank E. Hoyt.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

June 15, 1894, between Rev. Lucius F. Badger and the Church of Groveland.

Ordinations :

July 18, 1894, Claire H. Denman, M.D.;
Sept. 18, Lewis Haas.

Installations :

April 30, 1894, Rev. James M. McElhinney, over Mt. Hor Church of Rochester;
May 15, Rev. Arthur M. Smith, over the Church of Pittsford ;
May 18, Rev. Alfred K. Bates, over the Church of Lima.

Ministers dismissed :

June 15, 1894, Rev. Lucius F. Badger, to the Presbytery of Mankato ;
September 7, Rev. Theodore B. Williams, to the Presbytery of Utica ;
September 17, Rev. Edwin B. Van Auken, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Names dropped from the roll :

April 11, 1894, Candidate Thomas H. Derrick ;
September 18, Rev. William P. McKenzie.

Deceased :

April 13, 1894, at Rochester, N. Y., Rev. John E. Baker, in the 63d year of his age.

Church enrolled :

November 27, 1893, Mount Hor Church, of Rochester.

XXIV. The Presbytery of St. Lawrence consists of thirty-five ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Ministers received :

May 1, 1894, Rev. Herbert A. Mosser, from the Presbytery of Southern Oregon ;
Sept. 25, Rev. John J. Crane, from the Presbytery of North River.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

January 18, 1894, Roderick A. Finlayson.

Licensed :

April 10, 1894, John A. Rodger ;
April 11, William Hay ;
May 1, Thomas J. Thompson.

Ordinations :

April 10, 1894, Alexander Wouters, and John A. Rodger ;
May 1, Thomas J. Thompson.

Ministers dismissed :

April 10, 1894, Rev. Charles O. Gray, to the Presbytery of Nassau ;
June 4, Rev. George B. Van Dyke, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and Rev. Alexander Wouters, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;
September 25, Rev. Lewis R. Webber, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Deceased :

January 4, 1894, at Detroit, Mich., Rev. Tryon Edwards, D.D., aged 84 years.

XXV. The Presbytery of Siam consists of nine ministers and seven churches, and has under its care two licentiates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1894.]

XXVI. The Presbytery of Steuben consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and seven candidates.

Ministers received :

April 17, 1894, Rev. Joseph P. White, from the Presbytery of Shenango ;
April 18, Rev. Frank S. Swan, from the Presbytery of Niagara ;
September 19, Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 18, 1894, Robert Clements.

Licensed :

April 18, 1894, James S. Wilkes and Robert Clements.

Licentiate received :

April 18, 1894, Frank H. Bisbee, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

January 18, 1894, between Rev. William G. White and the Church of Cuba ;
May 27, between Rev. William C. Mathews and the Church of Pulteney.

Ordinations :

April 18, 1894, James S. Wilkes, Frank H. Bisbee and Robert Clements.

Installation :

April 18, 1894, Rev. Robert Clements, over the Church of Cuba.

Ministers dismissed :

January 18, 1894, Rev. William G. White, to the Presbytery of Mahoning, and Rev. Joseph D. Hillman, to the Presbytery of Newton ;
April 14, Rev. William Veenschoten, to the Presbytery of Lehigh ;
April 18, Rev. George F. Danforth, to the Presbytery of Butte, and the Rev. Joseph P. White to the Presbytery of Troy.

Church organized :

July 22, 1894, the Church of Atlanta.

XXVII. The Presbytery of Syracuse consists of forty-one ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care three licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received :

December 4, 1893, Rev. Edward Winshurst, from the Onondaga Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church ;
January 2, 1894, Rev. Joseph H. Odell, from the Presbytery of Albany ;
March 5, Rev. Smith Ordway, from the Presbytery of Binghamton ;
April 9, Rev. Matthew Gaffney, from the Presbytery of Lyons, and Rev. Wallace I. Coburn, from the Presbytery of Geneva ;
May 7, Rev. David Wills, Jr., from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Rev. Addison K. Strong, D.D., from the Presbytery of Westchester ;
June 4, Rev. Henry B. Sayre, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

December 4, 1893, Cuthbert C. Frost, and Seymour C. Ferris ;
September 17, 1894, George B. Spalding, Jr.

Licensed :

December 4, 1893, Seymour C. Ferris ;
April 10, 1894, Fred. H. Watkins and James Rennie.

Licentiate received :

January 4, 1894, H. Grant Persons, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

June 4, 1894, between Rev. Edward H. Adriance and the Church of Jordan ;
September 26, between Rev. Frank W. West and the Churches of Whitelaw and Oneida Lake.

Ordination :

September 26, 1894, H. Grant Persons.

Installations :

January 30, 1894, Rev. Joseph H. Odell, over the Church of Fulton ;
March 20, Rev. Smith Ordway, over the Westminster Church of Syracuse ;
May 14, Rev. David Wills, Jr., over Grace Church, Oswego ;
June 18, Rev. Henry B. Sayre, over the Church of Collamer ;
September 26, Rev. H. Grant Persons, over the Church of Chittenango.

Ministers dismissed :

April 10, 1894, Rev. George Mylne, to the Congregational Union of Scotland ;
June 4, Rev. Edward H. Adriance, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate transferred :

April 9, 1894, Charles M. Herrick, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Deceased :

November 26, 1893, at Collamer, Rev. Peter M. Joralemon, in the 54th year of his age ;
September 29, 1894, at Cazenovia, Rev. David Torrey, D.D., aged 76 years.

XXVIII. The Presbytery of Troy consists of fifty-two ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate, one local evangelist and two candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received :

December 13, 1893, Rev. John J. Henning, from the Presbytery of Albany ;
April 17, 1894, Rev. Richard Turnbull, from the Presbytery of Detroit ;
September 17, Rev. David F. Williams, from the Presbytery of Waterloo.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

December 13, 1893, Prof. Charles W. Foreman ;
April 16, 1894, Richard Abbott ;
April 17, Samuel Alexander Baillie.

Licensed :

December 13, 1893, Prof. Charles W. Foreman ;
April 17, 1894, Richard Abbott.

Licentiate received :

September 17, 1894, Frederick N. Lindsay, from the New Haven Congregational Association.

Ordinations :

April 17, 1894, Richard Abbott, as an evangelist ;
August 17, Charles W. Foreman, as an evangelist.

Installations :

December 20, 1893, Rev. John J. Henning, over the Church of Green Island ;
June 27, 1894, Rev. Richard Turnbull, over the Church of Cambridge.

Ministers dismissed :

April 16, 1894, Rev. Robert Barbour, to the Presbytery of New York ;
August 17, Rev. Charles W. Foreman, to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Deceased :

October 13, 1893, at Hebron, N. Y., Rev. Charles Dickinson Herbert, in the 76th year of his age ;
November 29, at Salem, N. Y., Rev. Amos Bordman Lambert, D.D,, in the 84th year of his age.

XXIX. The Presbytery of Utica consists of fifty-four ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care one licentiate and fourteen candidates.

Ministers received :

April 10, 1894, Rev. George Bergen from the Presbytery of Albany ;
September 25, Rev. Theodore B. Williams, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Licensed :

April 10, 1894, Carl W. Scovel, Frederick W. McCluskey, and Robert B. Perine.

Licentiates received :

April 10, 1894, Charles M. Dodge, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and Richard H. Hughes, from the Presbytery of Westchester ;
June 18, John T. Stone, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

March 2, 1894, between Rev. Frank W. Townsend and the Olivet Church, Utica ;
April 10, between Rev. T. Dwight Hunt and the Church at Westernville.

Ordinations :

April 10, 1894, Richard H. Hughes, Frederick W. McCluskey, Robert B. Perine, and Carl W. Scovel ;
May 30, Charles M. Dodge ;
June 18, John T. Stone.

Installations :

May 16, 1894, Rev. John D. Warren, over the Church at Knoxboro ;
June 18, Rev. John T. Stone, over the Olivet Church, Utica.

Ministers dismissed :

April 10, 1894, Rev. C. Cotton Kimball, D.D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Rev. Robert B. Perine, to the Presbytery of Columbia ;
June 18, Rev. Carl W. Scovel, to the Presbytery of St. Paul ;
September 25, Rev. Thomas R. G. Peck, to the Presbytery of Long Island.

Church enrolled :

April 10, 1894, the Church at Dolgeville, organized October 30, 1893.

XXX. The Presbytery of Westchester consists of sixty-two ministers and thirty-nine churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received :

January 16, 1894, Rev. John A. Ingham, from the Classis of New York ;
April 17, Rev. Frank F. Blessing, from the Presbytery of Albany ;
April 18, Rev. Oliver S. Dean, D.D., from the Norfolk (Mass.) Association of Congregational Ministers ;

October 2, Rev. John Ludlow Kendall, from the Presbytery of Northumberland; and Rev. William Watson Breckenridge, from the New Haven Central Association of Congregational Ministers.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

January 16, 1894, Robert O. Kirkwood;
October 2, Richard F. Chambers and Norman Clark Whittemore.

Licentiate received:

April 18, 1894, Theodore L. Van Norden, from the Presbytery of New York.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

April 2, 1894, between Rev. John E. Bushnell and the Church of Rye.

Ordinations:

June 2, 1893, Benjamin Labaree;
May 10, 1894, Theodore L. Van Norden.

Installations:

May 10, 1894, Rev. Theodore L. Van Norden, over the South Salem Church;
May 23, Rev. John A. Ingham, over the Irvington Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 16, 1894, Rev. Edwin Knox Mitchell, to the Central Congregational Association of Hartford, Conn.;
April 2, Rev. John E. Bushnell, to the Presbytery of New York;
April 17, Rev. Addison K. Strong, D.D., to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
October 2, Rev. Thomas J. Evans, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Licentiate transferred:

April 2, 1894, Richard Henry Hughes, to the Presbytery of Utica.

Names dropped from the roll:

October 2, 1894, Candidates Edward Lambe Parsons and John O. Weston.

Church organized:

October 13, 1893, Scarborough, N. Y.

XXXI. The Presbytery of Western Persia consists of five ministers, with three others on a supplementary roll. It has in connection with it thirty-five churches, forty-seven native ministers, and fifty-one licentiates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1894].

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,163	Licentiates	59
Churches	872	Candidates	163

Note.—Of the Presbytery of Western Persia, the eight ministers only are included in the summary.

III. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely :

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion : each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder ; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders ; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof ; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod ; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included ; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

IV. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica.
1882.	Howard Crosby, D.D.,	New York	Utica.
1883.	James McLeod, D.D.,	Buffalo	New York.
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D.D.,	Albany	Buffalo.
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D.D.,	St. Lawrence	Troy.
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D.D.,	Genesee	Elmira.
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D.D.,	Boston	Auburn.
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D.D.,	Buffalo	Syracuse.
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D.D.,	Utica	Poughkeepsie.
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D.,	Albany	Lockport.
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D.D.,	Cayuga	Watertown.
1892.	Levi Parsons, D.D.,	Rochester	Albany.
1893.	James Gardner, D.D.,	Albany	Rochester.
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D.D.,	Columbia	New York.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

Cayuga: Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, *Treasurer*, Auburn.

Champlain: Rev. Joseph Gamble, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Plattsburgh.

Niagara: Rev. Henry K. Sanborne, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, North Tonawanda.

VI. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.
Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D.D., New York.
Treasurer: Warner Van Norden, Esq., Bank of North America, New York.
Term Expiring in 1895: Rev. George Alexander, D.D., Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D.D., Edward Wells, Warner Van Norden.
Term Expiring in 1896: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D.D., Rev. Robert F. Sample, D.D., William A. Wheelock, John J. McCook.
Term Expiring in 1897: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D.D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., William Allen Butler, James Bayles.
Ex-officio: Rev. George C. Yeisley, D.D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D.D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.

VII. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. Board of Trustees.

Term Expiring in 1895.

Alexander S. Diven,
Daniel R. Pratt,
Francis Hall,
Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson,
Rev. George H. McKnight,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner.

Term Expiring in 1896.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D.D.,
Rev. John Hall, D.D.,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, D.D.,
Rev. Rufus S. Green, D.D.,
Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford,
Mallory D. Schoonmaker,
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Term Expiring in 1897.

John I. Nicks,
J. Sloat Fassett,
Rev. Wilson Phraner, D.D.,
Seymour Dexter,
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Louis G. Rathbun.

2. Board of Examiners.

Term Expiring in 1895.—Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

Term Expiring in 1896.—Rev. James Gardner, D.D., Rev. A. Cameron Mackenzie, D.D., Prof. Ezra J. Peck.

Term Expiring in 1897.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Prof. Philip M. Hull.

VIII. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. Synodical Aid.

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, John McC. Holmes, Asa S. Fiske, T. Ralston Smith, George Alexander, William H. Littell; *Elders*—Theodore S. Hubbard, Horace B. Silliman, Joseph C. Batchelor, Albert P. Stevens.

II. Systematic Beneficence.

Ministers—Charles A. Richmond, William S. Hubbell, George C. Yeisley, Samuel V. V. Holmes; *Elders*—Francis A. Board, Edward Wells, John H. Osborne.

III. Boards of the Church.

I. Home Missions: *Ministers*—Andrew V. V. Raymond, Charles H. Baldwin, John Reid, Allen Macy Dulles; *Elders*—Edward N. Dauchy, Louis W. Pratt, Orrin Day.

II. Foreign Missions: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, J. Ritchie Smith, Newell Woolsey Wells, John E. Adams, George S. Webster, Henry T. McEwen; *Elders*—John F. Winslow, A. Noel Blakeman, Theodore Gilman, Henry M. Lester, James Yereance, William Dulles, Jr.

III. Education: *Ministers*—Gerard B. F. Hallock, George B. Spalding, Willis J. Beecher, J. Lovejoy Robertson; *Elders*—John E. Myer, Henry Hooker, James W. Eager.

IV. Publication, Sabbath School Work, and Young People's Societies: *Ministers*—Donald McLaren, John T. Wilds, A. Woodruff Halsey, John E. Adams; *Elders*—William R. Worrall, Russell W. McKee, Charles M. Jesup.

V. Church Erection: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Warren R. Cochrane, Charles S. Dewing, James M. Craig; *Elders*—John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson, Oliver O. Jones.

VI. Ministerial Relief: *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Eben Halley, Alfonso R. Olney, William M. Johnson; *Elders*—James B. Jermain, William H. Doughty, T. Romeyn Bunn.

VII. Freedmen: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, William Burnett Wright, Anthony H. Evans, Duncan Cameron; *Elders*—Edward C. Warner, Marcus A. G. Meads, Edward W. Skinner.

VIII. Aid for Colleges: *Ministers*—E. Huntting Rudd, Asa S. Fiske, Henry H. Stebbins, William R. Taylor; *Elders*—Charles F. Pond, George H. Sickels, Joshua S. Helmer.

IX. CHAIRMEN OF OTHER COMMITTEES.

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2. TEMPERANCE: *Minister*—John Hall, p. 22.
3. RELATIONS OF TRUSTEES TO SESSIONS: *Elder*—George H. Hyde, p. 23.
4. INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL: *Minister*—William S. Hubbell, p. 33.
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11. PURCHASE OF ADAMS INSTITUTE: *Minister*—Allen Macy Dulles.

X. THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Miss Mary G. Rice, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Miss Helen S. Wells, Mrs. William N. Strong, Mrs. David N. Kirk, Mrs. Stephen Sanford, Mrs. Maria S. Dewey, Mrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, Miss Augusta Lockwood, Miss Frances A. Van Santford, Miss Alice Clute.

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Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Laura M. Nye, Miss Nellie Hopkins, Mrs. Charles L. Knapp, Miss Williamine S. Childs, Mrs. Charles S. Judd, Miss Mary E. Whiteside.

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1.	For the maintenance of 18 Missions conducted by Churches	$70,830
2.	Through Church Extension Committee (including part of legacy of Mr. Elliott F. Shepard)	47,672
3.	Through the City Mission, 75% of total income	50,775
4.	Legacy of Mrs. Stuart	38,822
		$208,099
	Contributed to the Board of Home Missions	$87,063
	Drawn from the Board	4,009
	Net contribution	$83,054

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